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Righting 'a wrong' the first step

Advocates applaud repeal of military retirement cuts for disabled vets

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON
The planned partial repeal by Congress of a controversial military retirement cut drew praise from veterans groups Tuesday but also triggered concern that it could make a full repeal even more difficult.

A \$1.1 trillion spending bill negotiated

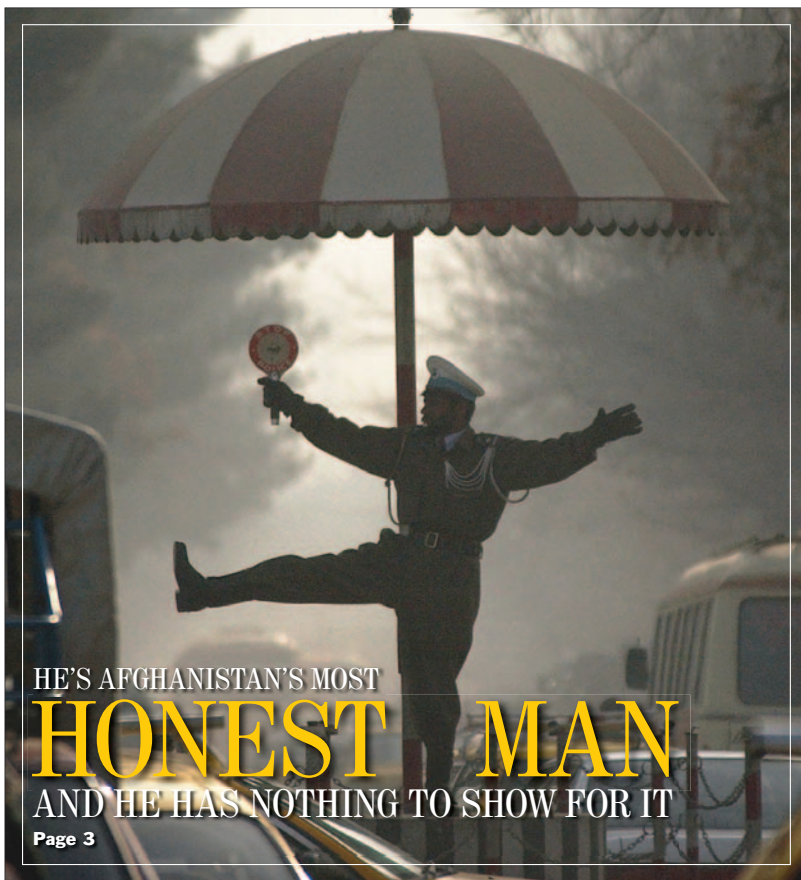
Monday includes language repealing a cut to cost-of-living increases for disabled military veterans and their survivors, correcting what many lawmakers labeled a legislative mistake in the waning days of 2013.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., said the partial repeal will "right a wrong in this bill and keep faith with our veterans."

The partial repeal won't exempt other military retirees younger than 62 from the

cut, a 1 percent reduction in their annual cost-of-living adjustments starting in 2016. Veterans groups had pushed for a full repeal of the measure, saying it goes back on promises made to military members years ago.

"This is a useful first step, but the worry now is that it could make getting the whole fix more difficult," said Bob Norton, spokesman for the Military Officers Association of America.



HE'S AFGHANISTAN'S MOST
HONEST MAN
AND HE HAS NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT

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Abdul Saboor, an Afghan traffic police officer, directs traffic during rush hour in downtown Kabul.

AP

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If my assault rifle took people's lives, it means that I, Mikhail Kalashnikov, ... son of a farmer and Orthodox Christian am responsible for people's deaths."

— Mikhail Kalashnikov, the designer of the AK-47 assault rifle, in a letter penned a few months before his death

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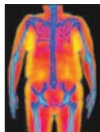
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MILITARY

Bill: Benefits fix doesn't go far enough, vets advocates say

FROM FRONT PAGE

"This is not enough," Norton said. "We still believe everyone's retirement should be restored. And if we can't get (lawmakers) to act quickly, this could begin to slide off the radar."

Tom Tarantino, chief policy officer for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, believes the partial repeal signals good news.

"I think Congress is really starting to understand that they made a tremendous error in policy here," he said.

The new budget bill, if approved, will set spending for government agencies through September and prevent another government shutdown before the fall congressional elections. The House and Senate are expected to pass the measure this week, but will need another short-term continuing resolution to keep federal operations funded until it becomes law.

The bill outlines \$572 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2014, including about \$85 billion for operations in Afghanistan and other overseas military contingency efforts. Combined, that's about 4 percent less than what the White House had requested in funding last spring.

Other federal agencies saw similar trims in their anticipated fiscal 2014 budgets. The Department of Veterans Affairs, however, will get almost all the discretionary funding it requested, more than \$63 billion.

The spending parameters for the budget deal were outlined last month in a compromise plan announced by budget committee chairmen Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

That outline cut about \$85 billion in projected spending and got rid of mandatory sequestration cuts reviled by the Pentagon. Among the replacement savings was about \$6 billion from the military retirement cut.

Veterans groups were outraged not only at the cut but also that it was done without consulting



Senate Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., is flanked by Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin, of Ill., left, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., on Capitol Hill in August. AP

"The more days this retirement cut is out there, the more it starts to eat away at the confidence of our career force. We need to move on this now."

Bob Norton

Military Officers Association of America spokesman

them. They noted that the legislation was thrown together so quickly that it included disabled veterans and their survivors, many of whom rely on military retirement as their sole source of income.

MOAA estimates the retirement change will cost a typical enlisted member who retires at 40 about \$83,000 over 20 years, and cost a typical retired officer more than \$124,000 over 20 years. That's based on an estimated retirement package totaling about \$1 million over that span.

Critics have noted that retire-

ment package is more generous than many private sector pensions, and insisted military personnel accounts must be included in deficit reduction discussions.

MOAA officials say that cutting those retirement accounts now is premature, since a military compensation review is underway. Results from that study are expected in early 2015.

Until then, veterans advocates want military retirement to remain untouched.

Veterans of Foreign Wars spokesman Joe Davis said the organization "has not stopped work-

ing on this" and is emphasizing to lawmakers that "this fix doesn't go far enough."

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., has promised hearings on the issue in coming months, and at least 15 lawmakers have offered legislation to repeal the retirement change.

Many advocates viewed the new budget bill as the best hope for a quick repeal. Next month, Congress takes up debate on the fiscal 2015 budget, a lengthy process that could overwhelm the veterans' repeal efforts.

Norton said he and others will continue to push for a quick fix.

"The more days this retirement cut is out there, the more it starts to eat away at the confidence of our career force," he said. "We need to move on this now."

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MIDEAST



KEVIN SIEFF/The Washington Post

Traffic officer Abdul Saboor, recently named Afghanistan's "most honest man," directs cars in Kabul. Saboor is one of the government's lowest paid employees, yet refuses to supplement his income by taking bribes.

Afghanistan's 'most honest man' rewarded with low pay, no promotion

BY KEVIN SIEFF
The Washington Post

The veteran traffic policeman walked to the stage, taking his place in front of a banner in Dari that said "CORRUPTION" with a red "X" through the word. After 24 years on the job, Abdul Saboor had been deemed the most honest man in Afghanistan.

He posed for photos with the interior minister. He gave interviews to local newspapers. Then he went back to the five-room home he shares with 28 people.

Saboor, 52, might be a better symbol for the sacrifices that an honest man must make in Afghanistan to follow the law. In two decades, he has received only one minor promotion. His salary, unaided by bribes, is \$200 per month. His toes are black after being run over several times. His throat is perpetually sore from Kabul's dust and pollution, but he struggles to afford medicine or hospital visits.

Afghanistan is the world's most corrupt nation (tied with North Korea and Somalia), according to Transparency International. It's a country where public officials have embezzled hundreds of millions of dollars, most of it foreign aid, and where petty corruption pervades daily life.

Although Western donors have funded anti-corruption programs and agencies, many Afghan institutions not only tolerate corruption but implicitly encourage it.

"If they don't take bribes, they will suffer like Saboor," said Mohammad Shafiq

Happily stuck in traffic

So, why hasn't Saboor accepted his place in the patronage system? He points to his childhood.

His father was killed in a traffic accident — an incident that he considers an example of the need for effective traffic police. His two uncles were traffic policemen, wearing crisp uniforms and reporting to a stable job every day, even as the country imploded.

Saboor saw the way pedestrians, especially children, responded when he ran frantically across Kabul intersections, blowing his whistle to stop rule-flouting drivers or kicking his legs up and patrolling like a guard at Buckingham Palace.

"They started coming just to watch me," he said. "The kids would scream 'Uncle Saboor' or 'Uncle Traffic.' Drivers stopped to say thank you. Everyone knew about me."

— Kevin Sieff

Hamdam, chairman of the Anti-Corruption Network, an Afghan watchdog that joined with other civil-society groups to bestow the award last month.

To see Saboor work in Kabul's Sherpur traffic circle is to understand why he came to the government's attention. While his colleagues take frequent breaks and look

for ways to extort drivers, Saboor leaps in front of cars that try to charge past his stop sign and blows his whistle at those threatening to accelerate before their turn.

In a city with poor roads and more than a million cars, where traffic lights were installed and promptly ignored, Saboor is famous for his incorruptibility and his theatrics. He's known to thousands of Afghans as "Uncle Traffic" or "Uncle Saboor."

He has received commendations from Taliban ministers and former presidents. International organizations have joined in. The United Nations, trying to boost public confidence in the Afghan police, funded a documentary about him last year.

His biggest fans are Kabul drivers, several of whom nominated him as the country's most honest man. Often, they slow their vehicles to greet Saboor by name.

"He's the only honest traffic police in Afghanistan," said Abdul Hussien Sadeq, a taxi driver.

"All the rest are like dogs," said Hasibullah, another taxi driver, who uses only one name. "Every day they ask us for bribes. If we don't pay, they take our licenses."

Saboor knows as well as anyone how you make money as a traffic police officer. You accept bribes instead of giving tickets. For a price, you allow trucks to be driven in restricted areas of the city. You charge drivers to park on the street, even where parking is free and legal. As for promotions, they are often purchased.

For his colleagues, those are common practices.

Saboor sees each bribe as an ethical lapse and a reflection of the state's frailty.

Hamdam said the problem has worsened over the past decade as "weak and corrupt leaders" ascended to power. In parts of the country, corruption has led to discontent with the central government, galvanizing support for the Taliban. Many say that the Taliban government ousted by U.S.-backed Afghan forces in 2001 was more transparent than the current leadership, although often horribly brutal.

With Western funds, the government created the biggest police force in Afghan history, including hundreds of officers charged with directing traffic in the biggest cities. In the fall, Integrity Watch Afghanistan, an independent watchdog, found that 59 percent of Afghan police officers were extorting money at tollbooths or checkpoints.

In the early 90s, when the government learned about the "incorruptible" traffic police officer, President Burhanuddin Rabbani offered Saboor a plot of land for his family as a reward. Saboor said he ran into continuous bureaucratic delays and is still fighting to claim the land, 20 years later. He said it's unclear whether a bribe — which he's unwilling to offer — would have expedited the process.

When he asked superiors for a promotion, "nothing ever happened," he said, sitting in the home he shares with his four children and about two dozen brothers, cousins, uncles and aunts. "But I still loved my job. I would never quit."

MILITARY

DynCorp settles suit over 2007 helo crash

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — Six years after an Army helicopter plummeted to earth in northeastern Italy, DynCorp International has settled a lawsuit with four of the families of the six servicemembers killed in the crash.

Neither the plaintiffs nor defendant would reveal how much DynCorp — which contracts with the military to provide aircraft maintenance — agreed to pay to settle the suit just as the case was going to trial on Dec. 31.

The amount is “one of the largest settlements in the history of military aviation accidents,” according to Todd Macaluso, a San Diego-based lawyer who represents the families along with New York-based co-counsel Hunter Shkolnik. He declined to specify the amount. Such settlements have typically involved tens of millions of dollars.

The case was filed in 2009 by the families of Capt. Christian Skoglund and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Davidangelo Alvarez, the pilot and co-pilot of the UH-60 Black Hawk, and Air Force Capt. Carlize Durham and Staff Sgt. Mark Spence, both passengers on the flight.

The families declined to comment on the settlement.

The helicopter, assigned to Company G, 52nd Aviation Regiment, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, based at Aviano Air Base, crashed shortly before noon Nov. 8, 2007, about 20 miles from the base.

Of the 11 servicemembers aboard, six were killed and five were injured.

An investigation by V Corps ruled out pilot error and weather conditions. It found that the helicopter had experienced a “loss of yaw control” — the ability to turn the helicopter — either because of something lodged in the controls or mechanical failure. Investigators noted a worn bell crank, a part responsible for controlling left-



AP

Italian police officers stand by the charred remains of a UH-60 Black Hawk Army helicopter that crashed in the northern Italy countryside on Nov. 8, 2007.

pedal turns, and that previous pilots had complained about “popping and clicking” in the helicopter’s pedals.

According to the investigation, DynCorp mechanics believed they had fixed the problem.

Further investigation showed that DynCorp had not fixed the problem, Macaluso said. “They ordered a new bell crank and bearing and it never ended up getting installed,” he said. “That’s what caused the crash.”

He said that DynCorp mechanics “weren’t trained properly and weren’t per-

forming the work correctly.”

A DynCorp spokeswoman disputed that the company was at fault.

“Contrary to claims by plaintiffs’ attorneys, we believe the evidence will show that the cause of the accident was not related to any maintenance performed by DynCorp International or its personnel,” Ashley Burke said in a statement. “Due to ongoing litigation, we cannot comment further.”

Also killed in the crash were Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Rogers and Senior Airman Kenneth Hauprich. Lawsuits brought

by their survivors, represented by other law firms, settled previously, Macaluso said.

A lawsuit brought by two of the injured servicemembers is pending, he said.

In addition to four soldiers aboard the flight, three of them crewmembers, seven airmen assigned to the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano were on board for a so-called incentive flight. One had done a favor for Company G, and brought along two co-workers. Another airman planned to re-enlist on the flight, and three airmen accompanied him.

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Walk-in TRICARE Service Centers to close this spring

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Deemed too costly in the age of the Internet, customer service at walk-in TRICARE Service Centers will no longer be available to beneficiaries after March 31.

The walk-in TSCs have been open since the 1990s.

“Now that TRICARE is a mature program and beneficiaries increasingly use more convenient Internet and toll-free phone options, continuing walk-in customer service at TSCs is no longer cost-effective,” according to a TRICARE fact sheet.

A majority of TRICARE cus-

tomers service transactions are already done online or by phone, Defense Department spokeswoman Lt. Col. Cathy Wilkinson told Stars and Stripes.

The walk-in TSCs cost roughly \$51 million a year to operate, and closing them will save DOD \$254 million over five years, according to the fact sheet.

“This change supports the Department of Defense’s efforts to manage the rising cost of providing health care for TRICARE’s 9.6 million beneficiaries,” according to the fact sheet.

There are 189 walk-in TSCs in the continental United States, most of which are located in or near military hospitals and clinics,

Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said. All of them will be closed, but TSCs outside the U.S. will remain open “due to the unique needs of overseas beneficiaries,” according to the fact sheet.

Contact information for TSCs in the U.S. and overseas can be found at www.tricare.mil/ContactUs/CallUs.aspx.

The walk-in TSCs are run by three regional contractors: Humana, UnitedHealthCare, and Health Net Federal Services. These contractors will continue to manage customer support for beneficiaries after the walk-in offices are closed, according to the fact sheet. TRICARE and DOD

officials don’t know how many contractor employees will be affected by the closures.

The TSCs help beneficiaries with administrative matters, including enrollment and billing. They are not directly involved in providing health care.

“This change does not affect any TRICARE benefits or health care services,” Warren said.

Wilkinson said all of the administrative services that walk-in TSCs currently provide can be handled by TRICARE websites, mobile apps and toll-free phone centers.

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Managing TRICARE

The following actions are available to beneficiaries on the TRICARE website, tricare.mil:

- Enroll in or purchase a plan.
- File a check or claim.
- View referrals and prior authorizations.
- Find a doctor.
- Change primary care managers.
- See what services and procedures are covered by their health plans.
- Compare plans.
- Manage prescriptions.

—Jon Harper

MILITARY

Hearing begins in case dismissed earlier by general

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Against the objection of defense attorneys, the Air Force on Tuesday took another crack at prosecuting an alleged rape thrown out by a general at the center of the controversy over military sexual assault.

An Article 32 probable cause hearing began Tuesday for Airman 1st Class Brandon T. Wright, charged with raping a female sergeant in July 2012 when both were stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

After a previous investigation of the case, 3rd Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin in August declined to prosecute Wright.

But concerned about inconsistencies in the process, top Air Force officials took the highly unusual step of removing Franklin as convening authority. It was assigned instead to Maj. Gen. Sharon K.G. Dunbar, commander of Air Force District of Washington.

Franklin, who had sparked intense criticism after reversing the sexual-assault conviction of a fighter pilot, Lt. Col. James Wilkerson, announced last week he was retiring.

The hearing at Andrews Air Force base is meant to determine whether there is enough evidence to convene a court-martial for Wright.

Maj. Dominic Angiello, a defense attorney for Wright, told the officer running the hearing that his client shouldn't have to defend himself a second time. "We object to this hearing generally," Angiello said. "We've already been through an Article 32. We thought that was conducted properly."

The investigating officer, Lt. Col. Shaun Speranza, said that despite the environment surrounding the case, there was no pressure on him to send it to court-martial.

"I can assure you, Airman Wright, defense counsel, trial counsel — there has been no attempt to influence my impartiality."

The alleged victim, whose name is being withheld because of the sexual nature of the offense,

described being raped by Wright after a night of drinking and watching movies at her home.

After another airman present passed out or fell asleep, she said Wright pulled her on top of him and began forcibly kissing her. She argued with him to stop, she said, "to make him see what he was doing and how much I didn't want it."

But instead, she testified, Wright pulled her shorts down and forced oral sex upon her, and then pulled down his own pants and raped her.

She tried to escape, she said, but felt unaccountably weak. "I was scared, I was frozen," she said. "I couldn't think, I felt I couldn't move. My body felt heavy."

Afterward, she said, Wright fell to the ground, fearful and distraught. "He was saying he was sorry," she said. "He said please don't call SARC [a sexual assault response coordinator] on me. He was saying it over and over."

A nurse who conducted a rape examination of the alleged victim said in testimony by telephone from Aviano that she noted some bruises on her leg but found no evidence of sex.

Cross-examination by Wright's defense attorneys and testimony from other witnesses was scheduled to continue after Stars and Stripes print deadline.

On the advice of legal advisers, Franklin dismissed charges of rape, aggravated sexual conduct, abusive sexual conduct and disorderly conduct against Wright after the previous investigation.

As reported in Stars and Stripes, Franklin refused to meet with the accuser before dropping the charges, even though such meetings are encouraged and some believe they are required by regulations.

Franklin had received similar criticism for not notifying the victim in the Wilkerson case before overturning the conviction — an action that spurred Congress to make changes in the sections of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that govern sexual assault prosecutions.

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The Air Force has been rotating fighters to Pacific Command bases on a regular basis since March 2004, according to the statement.

The single-seat, twin-engine Raptor is the Air Force's newest fighter.

Kadena's resident 18th Wing hosts the largest combat wing in the U.S. Air Force. It is composed mostly of F-15 jets, refueling E-3 Sentry aircraft and HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters.

From staff reports



Super Hercules takes over

Above: U.S. airmen assigned to the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron load cargo into a C-130J Super Hercules at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, on Sunday. The C-130J, from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, is taking over at Bagram Air Field for the departing C-130 Hercules.

Left: Two Air Force pilots do preflight checks on the C-130J.

Below: A C-130 Hercules sits on the runway as a C-130J Super Hercules takes off from Kandahar Air Field.

PHOTOS BY KAYLA NEWMAN
Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force



Virginia-based Raptors being sent to Okinawa

TOKYO — About 12 Virginia-based F-22 Raptor fighter jets will deploy this month to Okinawa.

The rotational deployment to Kadena Air Base will include about 300 people from Langley Air Force Base as part of a routine assignment, according to an announcement posted on the 5th Air Force website.

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Woman offers beer, smokes as reward

DAYTON, Ohio — An Ohio woman made offers of a case of beer and a pack of cigarettes as a reward for finding her lost dog — and it worked.

Abigail Miller, 23, of Dayton, offered the unusual reward after her two dogs escaped through an open gate on Jan. 2.

She found one of them at a local animal shelter a few days later, but the other remained missing.

The Dayton Daily News reported that Miller came up with the reward because she could afford it and figured it would attract attention. She was right, although the man who called and told Miller where to find her dog turned down the reward.

Lawmaker backs firing squads for execution

CHEYENNE, Wyoming — A lawmaker in the U.S. is proposing the use of firing squads to execute condemned inmates if constitutional problems or other issues ever prevent his state from using lethal injection.

Wyoming state Sen. Bruce Burns, a Republican, said Monday that state law currently calls for using a gas chamber if lethal injection is unavailable.

"The state of Wyoming doesn't have a gas chamber currently, an operating gas chamber, so the procedure and expense to build one would be impractical to me," said Burns, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"One of the reasons I chose firing squads is because it's the simplest form of execution is because frankly it's one of the cheapest for the state," Burns said.

School district closed amid water dispute

LA VILLA, Texas — Schools are closed in a one-stoplight South Texas town after the city shut off their water amid a dispute over the bill.

The city of La Villa shut off water and sewer service to the La Villa Independent School District in December, shortly after students started their holiday break. The city had increased a water surcharge and the school district has refused to pay the higher rate.

The district's 625 students were supposed to return to classes Monday, but instead found this message on the school district's website: "All La Villa I.S.D. schools will be closed until further notice."

1 dead, 1 missing after Chica River rescue

CHICAGO — Authorities say one person died, another is presumed dead and a third was hospitalized after they fell into the icy Chicago River early Monday morning — a tragedy that started with a dropped cellphone.

A Chicago Police spokesman said a 26-year-old man died at Northwestern Memorial Hospital early Monday after he was pulled from the water. He had jumped over a fence downtown to retrieve a cellphone he'd dropped in the water.

A 23-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman tried to help their friend, but fell in after him.

From The Associated Press



Gary Cohen, health and human services director of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, speaks at the Brookings Institution in Washington in June.

Older Americans outpacing young adults in signing up for insurance

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Younger people went for President Barack Obama at election time, but will they buy his health insurance?

New government figures show it's an older, costlier crowd that's signing up so far for health insurance under the health care law. Enrollments are lower for the healthy, younger Americans who will be needed to keep premiums from rising.

Young adults from 18 to 34 are only 24 percent of total enrollment, the administration said Monday in its first sign-up figures broken down for age, gender and other details.

With the HealthCare.gov website now working, the figures cover the more than 2 million Americans who had signed up for government-subsidized private insurance through the end of December in

new federal and state markets.

Enrolling young and healthy people is important because they generally pay more into the system than they take out, subsidizing older adults. While 24 percent is not a bad start, independent experts say, it should be closer to 40 percent to help keep premiums down.

Adults ages 55-64 were the most heavily represented in the signups, accounting for 33 percent of the total. Overall, the premiums paid by people in that demographic don't fully cover their medical expenses. Some are in the waiting room for Medicare; that coverage starts at age 65.

The administration and its allies remain confident they'll be able to get young adults interested. Many experts expected older, sicker people to be more heavily represented in the early numbers. Younger people might procrastinate, waiting until the March 31 enrollment

deadline is near, weighing whether they want to risk tax penalties for remaining uninsured.

Insurers, nonprofit groups and advocates are moving ahead with marketing campaigns that were put on hold when the federal website that serves 36 states was struggling.

Administration officials said that in the coming weeks they plan to increase outreach to young people in 25 communities located in states served by the federal website. That effort includes a national youth enrollment day on Feb. 15 and targeted outreach by sororities and fraternities, as well as Voto Latino, which focuses on Hispanic youth.

"We think that more and more young people are going to sign up as time goes by," said Gary Cohen, head of the Health and Human Services Department's office in charge of Obama's push to cover the uninsured.

Phone firms hesitate at record-keeping idea

By STEPHEN BRAUN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Telephone companies are quietly hesitating at the idea of changing how they collect and store Americans' phone records to help the National Security Agency's surveillance programs. They're worried about their exposure to lawsuits and the price tag if the U.S. government asks them to hold information about customers for longer than they already do.

President Barack Obama is expected Friday to announce what changes he is willing to make to satisfy privacy, legal and civil liberties concerns over the NSA's surveillance practices. One of the most important questions is whether the government will continue to collect millions of

Americans' phone records every day so that the government can identify anyone it believes might be communicating with known terrorists.

The president's hand-picked review committee has recommended ending the phone records program as it exists. It suggested shifting the storage of the phone records from the NSA to phone companies or an unspecified third party, and recommended new legal requirements before the government could search anyone's phone records.

The phone companies don't want the job. Executives and their lawyers have complained about the plan in confidential meetings with administration officials and key congressional intelligence and other committees, according to in-

terviews by The Associated Press. Two phone executives familiar with the discussions said the cellular industry told the government that it prefers the NSA keep control over the surveillance program and would accept changes only if they were legally required.

Pricey ad prompts NJ audit

By CAROL D. LEONNIG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie tries to control the damage from a major bribery scandal and a federal investigation involving his top aides, federal auditors are launching a separate inquiry into his administration's use of federal disaster recovery funds for an ad campaign.

The auditors are probing why the Christie administration awarded a lucrative \$23 million contract to a well-connected firm to produce tourism ads starring the governor and his family.

The Christie administration is already under federal investigation since revelations last week that key deputies appeared to needlessly close down lanes serving a major bridge and thoroughfare in North Jersey.

The timing of the new federal probe, which is focused on the use of federal storm Sandy recovery funds for a tourism marketing campaign, appears to be coincidental.

In August, Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., called the use of the funds for the ad campaign "extremely troubling" and asked the Department of Housing and Urban Development's inspector general to look into why Christie had approved using Sandy recovery funds to highlight himself during an election year. The request came on the heels of an article about the marketing contract's high cost in a local paper, the Asbury Park Press.

Last week, as Christie was fielding a flood of criticism and questions about his knowledge of the snarled bridge traffic, the inspector general's office notified Pallone that it had found enough credible evidence to begin a full audit of the tourism ads.

The N.J. Economic Development Authority awarded the contract.



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Texting leads to shooting in Fla. movie theater

By TAMARA LUSH
The Associated Press

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — An argument over texting in a Florida movie theater ended with a retired police captain fatally shooting a man sitting in front of him, authorities said.

Curtis Reeves, 71, has been charged with second-degree murder.

"Somebody throws popcorn. I'm not sure who threw the popcorn," said Charles Cummings, who was about to watch the movie "Lone Survivor" on Monday.

"And then bang, he was shot."

Pasco County Sheriff's officials said the shooting happened when Reeves asked Chad Oulson, 43, to stop texting at the theater.

Reeves and his wife were sitting behind Oulson and his wife. Oulson told Reeves he was texting with his 3-year-old daughter, Cummings said.

"It ended almost as quickly as it started," said sheriff's spokesman Doug Tobin. The sheriff's office said an off-duty deputy detained Reeves until police arrived.

Cummings, who had blood on his clothes, told a group of reporters Monday afternoon the show was still in previews when the two couples started arguing.

Cummings said the men

started raising their voices and popcorn was thrown. Authorities said Reeves took out a gun, Oulson's wife put her hand over her husband and Reeves fired his weapon, striking Nichole Oulson in the hand and her husband in the chest.

"I can't believe people would bring a pistol, a gun, to a movie," Cummings said. "I can't believe they would argue and fight and shoot one another over popcorn. Over a cellphone."

Cummings, who said he was a combat Marine in Vietnam, said Oulson fell onto him and his son.

"Blood started coming out of his mouth," said Alex Cummings. "It was just a very bad scene."

A man sitting next to the shooter grabbed the gun out of his hand, and the suspect did not attempt to get away, Cummings said.

Chad Oulson died at a hospital, Tobin said. His wife's injuries were not considered life-threatening.

Tampa Police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said in a news release that Reeves was a captain when he retired from the department in 1993.

It's not immediately clear whether he has retained an attorney.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Al Jones, of the West Virginia department of General Services, flushes water lines in a restroom at the State Capitol in Charleston, W.Va., on Monday, after drinking water there was declared safe.

W.Va. water trickling back on

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Downtown businesses and restaurants began to reopen after water was declared safe to drink in portions of West Virginia's capital, but life has yet to return to normal for most of the 300,000 people who haven't been able to use running water in the five days since a chemical spill.

It could still be days before everyone in the Charleston metropolitan area is cleared to use water, though officials say the water in certain designated areas was safe to drink and wash with as long as people flushed out their systems. They cautioned that the water may still have a slight licorice-type odor, raising the anxieties of some who believed it was still contaminated.

"I wouldn't drink it for a while. I'm skeptical about it," said Wanda Blake, a cashier in the electronics section of a Charleston Kmart who fears she was exposed to the tainted water before she got word of the spill.

By Tuesday morning, officials had given the green light to about 35 percent of West Virginia's American Water's customers. Thursday's spill affected about 300,000 in a nine-county area.

The water crisis shuttered schools, restaurants and day care centers, and truckloads of water had to be brought in from out of state. People were told to use the water only to flush their toilets. Hospitals were flushing out

systems as were schools, which hoped to open again Wednesday.

In downtown Charleston, the first section of the city where water was declared safe, few signs of the crisis were visible late Monday. Hotel guests were informed they could use everything but the ice machines.

Many businesses remained shuttered in outlying residential neighborhoods. Charleston attorney Anthony Majestro represents several businesses that lost money while shut down and said he has lost count of the numerous lawsuits filed over the spill.

The water crisis started Thursday when a chemical used in coal processing leaked from a Freedom Industries plant into the nearby Elk River.



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California State Sen. Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, displays a homemade fully automatic rifle, which would be tightly regulated under legislation he has proposed.

Homemade 'ghost guns' targeted in Calif.

By DON THOMPSON
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The "ghost guns" that can slip through metal detectors and be assembled at home without safeguards are spurring efforts in California and elsewhere to bring those weapons and their owners out of the shadows.

A state lawmaker proposed legislation Monday to make background checks and gun registrations requirements for anyone who builds plastic firearms on a 3-D printer at home. The bill by state Sen. Kevin de Leon also would apply to anyone who buys parts that can be assembled into a gun.

It's part of a growing effort across the

country to pre-empt the spread of these undetectable guns.

De Leon said he is trying to address a twin threat from what he called "ghost guns" — plastic guns that can evade metal detectors and unregistered weapons that can fall into the hands of people who are legally prohibited from owning firearms under state law.

"Currently, no one knows they exist until after a crime has been committed," said de Leon, a leading candidate to take over as Senate leader next year.

That was the case for John Zawahri, who assembled his own military-style assault rifle and killed five people in Santa Monica in a June rampage even after he was

barred from legally buying a gun in California because of mental health issues.

The bill by de Leon, a Democrat from Los Angeles, goes further than the federal government, which last month renewed for 10 years an existing ban on plastic firearms that can slip past metal detectors and X-ray machines.

His bill, SB 808, would allow the manufacture or assembly of homemade weapons but requires the makers to first apply to the state Department of Justice for a serial number that would be given only after the applicants undergo a background check. The number would have to be engraved on or otherwise permanently attached to the weapon within one day of its manufacture.

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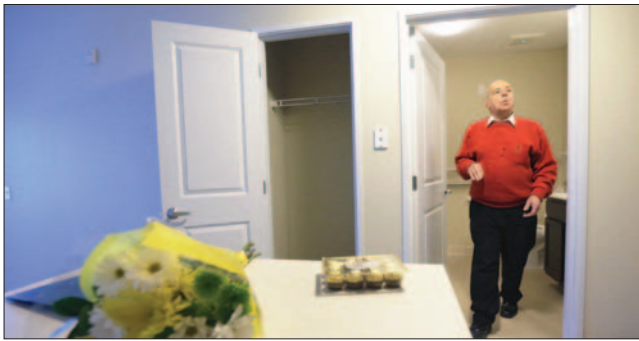
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Jerry Zeft, 70, explores his new home Thursday in the John C. Anderson apartments, an affordable housing complex aimed for gay seniors in Philadelphia.

Affordable housing for gay seniors gradually expanding

By KATHY MATHESON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The opening of an affordable housing complex for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors in downtown Philadelphia vindicates years of work by supporters who felt gay elders have been marginalized by youth culture.

Only two other U.S. cities have similar developments.

Experts say gay seniors are less likely than their straight peers to have the financial and family resources to age in homes of their own. Many fear discrimination at traditional elder housing facilities, leading them back into the closet after years of being open.

Philadelphia joins Los Angeles and Minneapolis in offering des-

ignated gay-friendly, affordable senior housing, collectively offering about 200 units. Two more complexes are under construction in Chicago and San Francisco. Advocates say that's nowhere near enough. Research indicates the number of gay seniors in the U.S. is expected to double to 3 million by 2030.

The housing problem may ease for future generations as legalized gay marriage allows same-sex spouses to inherit a partner's property and benefits, said Catherine Thurston, senior program director at New York-based Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders, or SAGE.

Although anti-discrimination laws prohibit gay-only housing, buildings can be made LGBT-friendly through marketing

and location. The \$19.5 million Philadelphia project sits in the affectionately nicknamed Gayborhood. When the leasing office opened last fall, hopeful tenants sat in a block-long line to drop off applications.

Those seniors belong to the generation that trailblazed gay rights, said Mark Segal, chairman of the Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Fund, which led the development. Yet their activism and openness often cost them both family ties and the opportunity for traditional jobs with retirement benefits, he said.

"Why should people, who were the pioneers of the community, not live with dignity? It's outrageous," Segal said. "We have to take care of our own — nobody else is."

Calif. police officers acquitted in death of homeless man

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — By the time all four verdicts were read acquitting two California officers of killing a homeless man, people on both sides were sobbing.

Kelly Thomas, 37, died five days after a violent confrontation with six officers in July 2011. A surveillance camera captured him screaming for his father and begging for air as the police kneed him, jolted him with an electric stun gun and used the blunt end to strike him around the face and head.

It was a rare case in which police officers were charged in a death involving actions on duty. Thomas' death led to days of protests, forced the recall of three City Council members and led the police chief to step down.

Former Officer Manuel Ramos, 39, was acquitted of second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter on Monday. Former Officer Jay Cicinelli, 41, was acquitted

of involuntary manslaughter and excessive use of force.

The FBI said it will review the evidence to determine whether federal action is justified.

Outside court, Thomas' parents condemned the verdicts.

"Just horrified," Cathy Thomas said. "He got away with murdering my son."

Ron Thomas has said his son suffered from schizophrenia and didn't understand the officers.

Ramos' attorney, John Barnett, said jurors did their duty. "They were operating as they were trained, and they had no malice in their hearts," he said of the police.

The defense said Thomas started the confrontation by refusing to heed police orders and was fighting officers so much that they called for backup multiple times. At one point, the lawyers said, Thomas tried to reach for Cicinelli's stun gun.

The video began with Ramos stopping Thomas on July 5, 2011, after the officer answered a call about a disheveled man

jiggling the handles of car doors in a busy parking lot.

Ramos grew frustrated with Thomas, who wasn't following orders to sit on a curb with his hands on his knees.

Ramos snapped on plastic gloves, made two fists and then held them in front of Thomas' face as he said, "Now see these fists? They're going to (expletive) you up."

Cicinelli, who arrived a few moments later, jolted Thomas several times with an electric stun gun and used the butt end to hit Thomas in the head and face, breaking bones.

Thomas was taken off life support five days later.

A county pathologist concluded that Thomas died, in part, from asphyxiation caused by injuries he received during the confrontation.

Defense attorneys said Thomas suffered from an enlarged heart from drug abuse, and his exertions during the struggle were too much for him.

NM ruling will allow doctors to assist in their patients' deaths

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Aja Riggs has undergone aggressive radiation and chemotherapy treatment for advanced uterine cancer. The 49-year-old remembers the feeling of her skin burning, the nausea and the fatigue so immense that even talking took too much energy.

All she wanted was the choice to end her life if the suffering became too great.

She now has that option after a New Mexico judge's landmark ruling Monday, which clears the way for competent, terminally ill patients to seek their doctors' help in getting prescription medication if they want to end their lives on their own terms.

The issue is expected to grow as the country's massive, aging Baby Boomer generation begins to face end-of-life questions. Four other states, including Oregon, allow patients to seek aid in dying if their conditions become unbearable.

The judge, Nan Nash, said such patients have a fundamental right to seek aid in dying because the New Mexico Constitution prohibits the state from depriving a person from enjoying life and liberty or seeking and obtaining safety and happiness.

"This court cannot envision a right more fundamental, more private or more integral to the liberty, safety and happiness of a New Mexican than the right of a competent, terminally ill patient to choose aid in dying," the judge wrote.

Nash also ruled that doctors who provide aid could not be prosecuted under the state's assisted suicide law, which classifies helping with suicide as a felony. The plaintiffs in the case do not consider physicians aiding in dying a

form of suicide.

The New Mexico Attorney General's Office said it is discussing the possibility of an appeal.

The ruling comes after a trial in December in which Riggs and other plaintiffs asked the judge to determine that physicians would not be breaking the law if they wrote prescriptions for competent, terminally ill patients who wanted to end their lives.

The lawsuit had the support of the American Civil Liberties



Riggs

Union of New Mexico, Colorado-based Compassion & Choices and the New Mexico Psychological Association, the largest organization of professional

psychologists in the state. The psychologists' group argued that assisted suicide and "aid in dying" for terminally ill patients were fundamentally different.

Kathryn Tucker, director of legal affairs for Compassion & Choices, has said there's growing support for physicians to help terminally ill patients who want to end their lives.

The New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops was disappointed with the ruling, saying there's a difference between fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution and the ability of someone to take a person's life.

"As long as there is a chance for human error, we can't have that," said Allen Sanchez, executive director of the bishops' group. "You can never reverse the decision you've made. It's the finality of it."



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Former Police Officer Manuel Ramos reacts after being acquitted Monday in Santa Ana, Calif., of charges stemming from the 2011 death of Kelly Thomas.

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WORLD

Egypt holds key vote on new constitution

By MAGGIE MICHAEL
AND SARAH EL DEEB
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Military helicopters buzzed overhead and hundreds of thousands of soldiers and police were deployed as Egyptians voted Tuesday on a new constitution in a referendum that will pave the way for a likely presidential run by the nation's top general months after he ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

The two-day balloting is a key milestone in a military-backed political road map toward new elections for a president and a parliament after the July coup that has left the Arab world's most populous nation sharply divided between Brotherhood supporters in one camp and the military, security forces and their supporters in the other.

It is taking place in a climate of fear and paranoia, with authorities, the mostly pro-military media and a significant segment of the population showing little or no tolerance for dissent. Cam-

paigning for a "no" vote risked arrest by the police, and Egyptians who have publicized their opposition to the charter, even just parts of it, are quickly labeled as traitors or closest supporters of Morsi.

Some 160,000 soldiers and more than 200,000 policemen fanned out across the nation of some 90 million people to protect polling stations and voters against possible attacks by militants loyal to Morsi. Cars were prevented from parking or driving by polling stations and women were searched by female police officers. Military helicopters hovered over Cairo and other major cities.

Shortly before polls opened, an explosion struck a Cairo courthouse, damaging its facade and shattering windows in nearby buildings but causing no casualties in the densely populated neighborhood of Imbaba — a Brotherhood stronghold.

Three people were killed when gunfire erupted between police and gunmen on rooftops as clashes broke out between pro-Morsi protesters and security forces in

the southern city of Sohag, according to security officials.

In Cairo's working class district of Nahya, pro-Morsi protesters shot at and pelted with rocks a polling station before closing all entrances with chains, scaring away voters and locking election officials inside, Mohammed Seragadeen, the judge in charge of the station, said.

Security forces later fired tear gas to disperse the protesters and allow voting to resume, he said.

The referendum is the sixth nationwide vote since the authoritarian Hosni Mubarak was toppled in a popular uprising in 2011, with the five others widely considered the freest ever seen in Egypt, including the June 2012 balloting won by Morsi. This vote was tainted by criticism that many of the freedoms won in the anti-Mubarak revolution have vanished amid a fierce crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood that has spread to others as the military-backed administration tries to suppress all dissent.

The new charter, drafted by a



AMR NABIL/AP

Egyptian women show their inked fingers after casting their votes at a polling station in Cairo on Tuesday.

liberal-dominated committee appointed by the military-backed government, would ban political parties based on religion, give women equal rights and protect the status of minority Christians. It

also gives the military special status by allowing it to select its own candidate for the job of defense minister for the next eight years and empowering it to bring civilians before military tribunals.

200 fleeing S. Sudan dead after boat sinks

The Associated Press

JUBA, South Sudan — Some 200 people fleeing warfare died after a boat crossing the Nile River sank, a South Sudanese military official said Tuesday as fighting between rebels and government forces moved closer to the national capital.

Warfare in the world's newest state has displaced more than 400,000 people since mid-December, with the front lines constantly shifting as loyalist troops and renegade forces gain and lose territory in battles often waged along ethnic lines.

Lt. Col. Philip Aguer, the South Sudanese military spokesman, said there was fighting about 45 miles north of the South Sudanese capital of Juba.

As control of certain regions has changed, tens of thousands of residents have fled their homes to escape fighting that often pits the Dinka ethnic group of President Salva Kiir against the Nuer group of Riek Machar, the former vice president who now commands renegade forces.

The boat that sunk Tuesday was carrying mostly women and children, Aguer said.

Troops from neighboring Uganda appear to be actively fighting on behalf of Kiir, who is reportedly seeking the long-term commitment of Ugandan troops in the fight against renegade forces.



AP

Spaniards protest proposed boulevard

Protesters shout slogans against the local government during a demonstration in Burgos, Spain, on Monday. Officials said riots there have left 11 police injured, and 40 people have been arrested after protesters attacked police vehicles, burned garbage containers and broke windows. Rioting began Friday night as residents of Burgos' Gamonal district objected to city hall plans to redesign a street into a tree-lined boulevard with an underground car garage.

Chinese doctor sentenced for selling babies

The Associated Press

BEIJING — A Chinese court on Tuesday convicted a doctor of baby trafficking and sentenced her to death with a two-year reprieve after she admitted in court that she stole babies from the hospital where she worked and sold them.

Zhang Shuxia, an obstetrician, told parents their newborns had congenital problems and persuaded them to give them up, accord-

ing to the Weinan Intermediate People's Court in Shaanxi.

In China, suspended death sentences are usually commuted to life imprisonment after two years.

The case exposed a baby trafficking ring that operated across several provinces centering on Zhang. According to online postings by the court, she sold the babies to human traffickers, who then resold them at higher prices. In a July case, Zhang pocketed \$3,600 when she passed a baby

boy to a human trafficker, who resold the child for \$9,900 to a couple in China's Henan province.

Altogether, Zhang sold seven babies to middlemen who resold the babies in central and eastern China between November 2011 and July 2013, the court said. Six of the babies were either returned or rescued by police, but one that was voluntarily abandoned by its parents and sold for \$165 in April later died.

8 killed in Baghdad violence

By SAMEER N. YACIOUB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombings and shootings killed at least eight people in and around the Iraqi capital on Tuesday, including a judge, officials said.

Gunmen in a speeding car opened fire at the judge, killing him and his driver, police said.

They said a sticky bomb attached to a mini-bus exploded later in the afternoon in the Shiite neighborhood of Sadr city, killing three passengers and wounding eight.

In northern Baghdad, a roadside bomb missed a police patrol but killed one civilian and wounded six.

Later on, gunmen in a speeding car sprayed an army checkpoint in the western suburb of Abu Ghraib with bullets, killing two soldiers and wounding two others, said police and hospital officials.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Violence has been on the rise in Iraq recently as security forces and allied Sunni tribesmen in Anbar province battle al-Qaida fighters over the control of two key cities there.

At least 253 people have died in violence across the country so far this month, according to an Associated Press count.

WORLD



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Above: A helmet belonging to slain North Vietnamese soldier Bui Duc Hung is handed over to Bui Dinh Hoa, left, a relative of Hung, in Huong Non village, northern Phu Tho province, Vietnam, on Tuesday. Below: The helmet, which had been kept as a war souvenir by an American veteran for 46 years, is displayed in front of a bust of late Vietnamese revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh.

Souvenir helmet is returned to Vietnam

BY TRAN VAN MINH
The Associated Press

HUONG NON, Vietnam — In 1968, young American soldier John West was scouring a battlefield in central Vietnam for weapons and intelligence when an enemy helmet with an image of a dove scratched onto it caught his eye. He tied it to his rucksack, and five months later took it home as a war souvenir, where for 46 years it had sat on a shelf.

When a U.S. veterans charity approached him asking whether he would like to see the helmet returned to the family of its onetime owner, he said yes, so long as it didn't cause them any more pain. The group, the Development of Vietnam Endeavors Fund, located the family of the soldier, Bui Duc Hung, who was killed in the war, his remains never recovered.

On Tuesday, four U.S. veterans returned the helmet in a ceremony in the Hung's family's village 45 miles northwest of Hanoi that stressed the need for peace and reconciliation.

"This is a very sacred moment for my extended family," said Bui Duc Duc, 52, the nephew of the slain soldier.

Duc wept as the helmet was placed in front of a family altar in his house. The Americans, along with around 100 villagers and local officials gathered for the ceremony, looked on. A bust of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam's victorious wartime leader was also in the room.



"We consider this helmet as part of him and we will keep as a reminder for our family's future generations," he said.

Up to 3 million Vietnamese were killed in the war, which the United States undertook to stop the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia.

West, 67, of Toledo, Ohio, didn't travel back to Vietnam. In a statement that was read at the ceremony, West said that Hung had "fought with skill and courage."

"The time has now come for me to return this helmet to those who knew and cared for Bui Duc Hung," he said. "I do this with thoughts of love and peace to you all."

AK-47 creator pained by responsibility in deaths

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENOV
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a regretful letter penned a few months before his death, Mikhail Kalashnikov, the designer of the AK-47 assault rifle, asked the head of the Russian Orthodox Church if he was to blame for the deaths of those killed by his weapon.

The Russian daily Izvestia on Monday published the letter, in which Kalashnikov, who died last month at 94, told Patriarch Kirill that he kept asking himself if he was responsible. The AK-47 is the world's most popular firearm, with an estimated 100 million spread around the world.

"The pain in my soul is unbearable. I keep asking myself the same unsolvable question: If my assault rifle took people's lives, it means that I, Mikhail Kalashnikov, ... son of a farmer and Orthodox Christian am responsible for people's deaths," he said in the letter.

Kalashnikov also shared his bitter thoughts about humankind. "The longer I live, the more often that question gets into my brain, the deeper I go in my thoughts and guesses about why the Almighty allowed humans to have devilish desires of envy, greed and aggression," Kalashnikov continued. "Everything changes, only a man and his thinking remain unchanged: he's just as greedy, evil, heartless and restless as before!"

Kalashnikov's daughter, Elena, was quoted by Izvestia as saying that a local priest could have helped her father write the two-page letter, which was typed and carried his signature.



AP

Mikhail Kalashnikov shows a model of his AK-47 assault rifle in October 1997. Before his death last month, Kalashnikov wondered if he was to blame for the deaths of those killed by his creation.

The rifle's simplicity and reliability made it a weapon of choice for the Third World insurgents backed by the Soviet Union. Moscow not only distributed the AK-47 widely but also licensed its production in some 30 other countries. The gun's cult status among revolutionaries and national-liberation fighters is enshrined on the flag of Mozambique.

The letter, which was sent in April, contrasted sharply with past statements by Kalashnikov, who had repeatedly said in interviews and public speeches that he created the weapon to protect his country and couldn't be blamed for other people's action.

"I sleep well. It's the politicians who are to blame for failing to come to an agreement and resorting to violence," the designer told The Associated Press in 2007.

The church sought to comfort him with the same argument. Izvestia quoted Kirill's spokesman, Alexander Volkov, as saying the Patriarch responded to Kalashnikov and praised him as a true patriot.

"If the weapon is used to defend the Motherland, the Church supports both its creators and the servicemen using it," the newspaper quoted Volkov as saying.

In 2007, President Vladimir Putin praised Kalashnikov's weapon as a "symbol of the creative genius of our people." Putin attended Kalashnikov's burial at a memorial military cemetery just outside Moscow.

While it's not especially accurate, Kalashnikov's rifle can perform in sandy or wet conditions that jam more sophisticated weapons such as the U.S. M-16.

Official: China asserts control over fishing

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — China has insisted it will regulate fishing in the disputed South China Sea under its laws despite protests by neighboring countries, a Philippine official said Tuesday.

Chinese rules which took effect this month require foreign fishermen to seek Beijing's approval to operate in the disputed waters.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman Raul Hernandez said the Philippines asked China to clarify the edict and was told by Beijing that it was "an implement-

tation of China's fisheries law" and that the region was under Chinese jurisdiction.

China claims virtually the entire South China Sea, putting it at odds with Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Taiwan, which also claim parts of the busy waters as their territory.

Vietnamese Foreign Ministry spokesman Luong Thanh Nghi has said the fishing regulation and other moves by China in recent months are "illegal and invalid" and seriously violate Vietnamese sovereignty.

The United States has criti-

cized the Chinese regulation as "provocative and potentially dangerous." China has asked Washington to stay out of the Asian dispute.

The Philippines and Vietnam are among the most vocal critics of China's claims over the disputed waters, saying they infringe on their own 200-mile exclusive economic zones.

China and rival claimants have beefed up their navies and stepped up patrols in the disputed territories, increasing the risk of confrontation.

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OPINION

We're not in to win the wars we start

By ANDREW J. BACEVICH

The U.S. military is like the highly skilled contractor who promises to give your kitchen a nifty makeover in no time whatsoever. Here's the guy you can count on to get the job done. Just look at those references! Yet by the time he drives off months later, the kitchen's a shambles and you're stuck with a bill several times larger than the initial estimate. Turns out the job was more complicated than it seemed. But what say we take a crack at remodeling the master bath?

That pretty much summarizes the American experience with war since the end of the Cold War. By common consent, when it comes to skills and gadgets, U.S. forces are in a league of their own. Yet when it comes to finishing the job on schedule and on budget, their performance has been woeful.

Indeed, these days the United States absolves itself of any responsibility to finish wars that it starts. When we've had enough, we simply leave, pretending that when U.S. forces exit the scene, the conflict is officially over. In 2011, when the last American troops crossed from Iraq into Kuwait, President Barack Obama proudly declared that he had made good on his campaign promise to end the Iraq War. Sometime late this year, when the U.S. terminates its combat role in Afghanistan, he will waste no time consigning that war to the past as well.

Yet the Iraq War did not end when the United States withdrew. Even with Washington striving mightily to ignore the fact, the violent ethno-sectarian struggle for Iraq triggered by the 2003 U.S.-led invasion continues. In recent days, events such as al-Qaida's ferocious welcome-to-the-new-year assault on the cities of Fallujah

and Ramadi — roughly the equivalent of a Confederate army laying siege to Gettysburg sometime during the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant — have made it impossible to pretend otherwise.

Events in Afghanistan are likely to follow a similar trajectory. No serious person thinks that the war there — launched even earlier, in 2001 — will end just because U.S. troops are finally packing up to go home. No doubt the American public will forget Afghanistan as quickly as it forgot Iraq. Yet as with the Iraq War, the struggle to determine Afghanistan's fate will continue, its duration and outcome no less uncertain.

The truth is something few people in the national security establishment are willing to confront: Confusing capability with utility, the United States knows how to start wars but has seemingly forgotten how to conclude them. Yet concluding war on favorable terms — a concept formerly known as victory — is the object of the exercise. For the United States, victory has become a lost art. This unhappy verdict applies whether U.S. forces operate conventionally (employing high-tech "shock and awe" tactics) or unconventionally ("winning hearts and minds").

As a consequence, instead of promoting stability — perhaps the paramount U.S. interest not only in the Islamic world but also globally — Washington's penchant for armed intervention since the end of the Cold War, and especially since 9/11, has tended to encourage just the opposite. In effect, despite spilling much blood and expending vast amounts of treasure, U.S. military exertions have played into the hands of our adversaries, misleadingly lumped together under the rubric of "terrorists."

How can we explain this yawning gap

between intention and outcomes? Fundamentally, a pronounced infatuation with armed might has led senior civilian officials, regardless of party, and senior military leaders, regardless of service, to misunderstand and misapply the military instrument. Force is good for some things, pre-eminently for defending what is already yours. Not content to defend, however, the United States in recent decades has sought to use force to extend its influence, control and values.

In a world divided between haves and have-nots, between postmodern and premodern, and between those for whom God is dead and those for whom God remains omnipresent, expecting coercion to produce reconciliation, acceptance or submission represents the height of folly. So force employed by the United States in faraway places serves mostly to inflame further resistance, a statement that is true whether we're talking about putting "boots on the ground" or raining down Hellfire missiles from the heavens.

What then is to be done? That which Washington is least capable of undertaking: Those charges with formulating policy must think anew. For starters, that means lowering expectations regarding the political effectiveness of war, which is demonstrably limited.

Take force off the metaphorical table to which policymakers regularly refer. Rather than categorizing violence as a preferred option, revive the tradition of treating it as a last resort. Then get serious about evaluating the potential for employing alternative forms of power, chiefly economic and cultural, to advance American interests.

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Gates' memoir reveals his own failure of duty

By SARAH CHAYES

In a dozen years of war, Americans have grown used to improvised explosive devices. The detonations have rocked the streets of Kabul and Baghdad — and also of Washington. Only, in Washington, the bombshells appear in print.

The latest domestic blast, a diatribe called "Duty" by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, seems to have startled even the dean of White House correspondents. "It is rare for a former Cabinet member," wrote Bob Woodward in the Washington Post, "to alone a Defense secretary ... to publish such an antagonistic portrait of a sitting president."

Yet, as can happen with IEDs, the shrapnel from this one may wound its original target more severely than its intended targets. From the excerpts of the memoir that have been released, Gates emerges as a petulant, inhibited man who ill-served his president and the national interest by keeping his anger and concerns bottled up instead of raising them in person, at the time when it might have done his country some good.

His criticism of President Barack Obama's handling of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, moreover, is fixated on U.S. troops and on executive branch infighting. It fails to examine the most profound flaw in the conduct of the wars: the lack of an overarching policy within which troop deployments might have made sense.

Especially toward the end of his tenure, Gates would let fly with an occasional caustic remark. But he was known in the Pentagon, where I worked at the time, for his understatement. In the end, he went to comment in meetings of top officials where

national security decisions were made, he saved his fire until he had heard where his colleagues came down.

But the Gates who emerges in this self-portrait is hopping mad, constantly struggling to contain the boiling inside. "My initial instinct was to storm out," he said of a National Security Council meeting. "It took every bit of my self-discipline to stay seated on the sofa."

Hiding thoughts and feelings, presenting an impassive face to the outside world, is often seen as a rugged, manly virtue. In this case, it was a failure.

As defense secretary, Gates could meet the president whenever he needed to. And yet, by his own admission, he never mentioned his concerns. Those concerns, especially regarding what he calls White House micromanagement, are shared by other former officials who have spoken out. But it is just such issues that responsible top executives routinely raise and work through with their superiors.

Likewise the widening breach of trust that Gates and others describe separating that White House and top military brass. Gates described the national security staff as "aggressive, suspicious and sometimes condescending and insulting questioning of our military leaders." Yet he never rose to those leaders' defense by having a forthright conversation with the president to call out this conduct. If it was as damaging to him and to the national interest as he writes, it was his duty to do so.

On substance, Gates praises Obama's decision to authorize the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. He criticizes his ambivalence about the troop surge in Afghanistan. But in each case, what Gates neglects to highlight is the lack of a coherent policy

framing the military actions.

While top executive branch officials and the president were debating how many helicopters should fly on the raid, no one worked through all the implications for Pakistan policy. Was our ally in the Afghanistan war deliberately harboring our No. 1 enemy? What did that mean? How should our approach to Pakistan change?

None of those questions was sufficiently examined during the lead-up to the raid. And in the subsequent policy scramble, a coherent strategy toward that counterproductive partner was never developed. The U.S. is still subsidizing a government that deliberately organizes and sends extremists to commit attacks in Afghanistan.

Gates blasts Obama's growing ambivalence about the "troop increase (he boldly approved in 2009)." The massive deployment was, in Gates' view, a better approach than whack-a-mole counterterrorism. And yet, without a policy to grapple with the abusive corruption of the Afghan government or with Pakistan's sponsorship of the Taliban, neither of those military options stood much chance of success. Without such a strategic framework, Obama was right to be dubious about the surge. But Gates' view was wrong in failing to task his civilian leadership to adequately develop that policy.

The White House helped bring the tongue-lashing seen in "Duty" on itself by relentlessly spinning this story for years. Still, Gates may have tarnished his previously stellar name by retorting in this manner, at this time.

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OPINION

Confronting cheaters is sports' ongoing challenge

BY GEORGE J. MITCHELL

Last week's announcement that three baseball players have been elected to the Hall of Fame sparked another round of discussion about the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by Major League Baseball players. Who wasn't elected, and why, has received as much attention as who was. Many fans long for an end to what has become known as the steroid era. Unfortunately, that is unlikely.

In December 2007, I released my report on the illegal use of performance-enhancing substances in Major League Baseball, which concluded that for more than a decade anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances were widely used by players in violation of federal law and league rules. This was not an isolated problem involving a few players or a few clubs. Each of the 30 clubs had players who used such substances at some time in their careers. Club officials routinely discussed the possibility of substance use when evaluating players.

The league's response was slow to develop and initially ineffective. For years, citing concerns for players' privacy rights, the Major League Baseball Players Association (the union that represents the players) opposed mandatory, random drug

testing of its members. But in 2002, under pressure from the public and Congress, baseball and the Players Association adopted such a program. While that program reduced the use of steroids, the use of human growth hormone expanded because it was not detectable through urine testing.

While much of the media coverage of the report focused on the players it identified, my recommendations for reform were the heart of the report. They included improvements to baseball's drug prevention and treatment program, such as requiring periodic reports of aggregate drug-testing activity, making the program more independent, increasing the frequency of testing and improving the collection process to ensure effective testing. I also recommended that the baseball commissioner more aggressively investigate evidence of use or possession of prohibited substances by players, including by establishing a department of investigations.

The commissioner adopted all of my recommendations that were not subject to the collective bargaining process. Later, he and the Players Association agreed to changes that incorporated most of the remaining recommendations.

Looking back, my most important recommendation was the establishment of a department of investigations to gather

evidence of use of performance-enhancing steroids from sources other than drug tests. An important lesson learned is that drug testing is not a foolproof detection method. It's an ongoing cat-and-mouse game between the cheaters, their enablers and those who use science to prevent cheating. With its investigative capacity, baseball has another weapon in enforcement.

Not every great athlete is a great human being. Talent and morality may coexist, but they often do not.

Some social problems persist despite laws to prevent them. Every society has laws against crime, but no one expects an end to crime; it's a continuing problem that must be aggressively deterred and punished. So it is with the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports.

There will always be people who want so badly to gain a competitive edge that they are willing to cheat, even at great personal risk to their health. There also will be those who see profit in meeting that demand. As the money offered to premier athletes continues to rise rapidly, the risk-reward ratio skews increasingly to greater risk-taking. All sports, not just baseball and not

just professional sports, face a continuing challenge.

Major League Baseball has moved in recent years to meet the challenge. For that, Commissioner Bud Selig deserves great credit. Credit also should go to the players and their association; they have come to understand that their interest lies in a strong, effective and fair program of testing and vigilance to limit drug use to an absolute minimum. I am heartened that more players than ever are speaking out against steroid use, as has the Players Association. I hope the tide is turning against it in all sports.

Learning that our childhood heroes are fallible is disillusioning. But we grow up and get over our disappointment, and we understand it as another example of life's complexity. Not every great human being is a great athlete. Not every great athlete is a great human being. Talent and morality may coexist, but they often do not.

It's understandable, and human, to want clarity and finality. But in sports, as in life, some complexity and uncertainty are unavoidable, for fans and for those sportswriters who vote on candidates for the Hall of Fame.

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Forget NSA — Technology has long been robbing our privacy

BY MARTIN SCHRAM

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

This year must be the year when we finally do something to protect our privacy, now that seven months of serial scoops about government spying and snooping have gotten our attention.

We are all on the case, sort of — shaken out of our complacency and apathy by those revelations of America's domestic and global spying, in those top-secret documents rookie contractor Edward Snowden stole so easily from the impenetrable National Security Agency.

Many Americans now worry that a raging Big Brotherism is secretly robbing us of our privacy.

Indeed, the more we think about it, the more we realize this ultimate violation we once thought was just George Orwell's nightmare of a futuristic 1984 has become our reality today.

If we hope to take back our constitutional right of privacy, we need to first figure out just what we've lost to this rampant Big Brotherism — and who is the enemy who took it from us in the first place. That's our mission today.

First, let's take inventory of what we've lost.

We know from Snowden's early scoop that the NSA is amassing so-called "metadata" about the phone calls of millions of Americans. The NSA keeps records of phone numbers we call or that call us — just the numbers, not the content of conversations. (If we are contacted by a suspected terrorist, the feds match his number to ours — and check out everyone we call.)

Understandably, the metadata revelation triggered consternation from all who think it is a violation of privacy for the government to even keep a record of numbers we call or who call us. President Obama recently said he might recommend that phone companies, not the NSA, should keep this data.

But your privacy can be violated in ways



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A woman checks her cellphone as she waits at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. More and more, smartphone technology is raiding our privacy, with features that allow phone carriers to know a user's location at all times, for example.

more extensive than collecting metadata. Example:

1. Your email content (not just the address of the recipient) on some servers is routinely scanned for key words. Google has acknowledged that Gmail messages have been scanned by machines, not humans, so users can get pop-up ads about topics of

interest. If you write a friend about body building, you may soon get health product ads. Write about an immigration concern and you may get an immigration attorney's ad.

2. Your Internet searches are being tracked and stored on some search engines. When you search how to make a cake or a

nuclear bomb, or want to see a rhinoceros' horn or recreational porn — you may get ads aimed at your search content.

3. Your smartphone may be outsmarting you — some features enable your phone carrier to know your location at all times.

That last theme — police seeking to track a suspect by putting a device on his car — led to a now-famous Supreme Court concurring opinion. In the 2012 case of U.S. v. Jones, Justice Sonia Sotomayor transcended the specific issue and wrote, most presciently:

"It may be necessary to reconsider the premise that an individual has no reasonable expectation of privacy in information voluntarily disclosed to third parties. This approach is ill-suited to the digital age, in which people reveal a great deal of information about themselves to third parties in the course of carrying out mundane tasks."

You are here: Each of those invasions is far more intrusive than NSA's storage of metadata. In all three examples, we endure blatant invasions of our privacy because we are considered to have given our consent. Sometimes consent is required to use the service. Other times, companies just make it very difficult to opt out.

Now ask: Can a government agency someday gain access to those private computer and cell phone company records? Can a prospective employer (government or private) someday check your computer search records to see whether you searched for something suspect with three X's?

Congress must investigate anew these digital-age privacy invasions that, as Justice Sotomayor observed, are a fact of our lives today. Our laws must catch up to our technology.

The creative minds of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and their contemporaries would be mind-blowingly fascinated by our high-tech life today. But they would surely be shocked to see that the constitutional guarantees they so painstakingly crafted for the ages have come to this.

WORLD



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A Baptist church stands at Kanpetlet, Chin state, in Myanmar. British colonials, who seized the Chin Hills in 1896 and American missionaries were earlier agents of change, but the indigenous groups were able to meld some of their animist religion with Christianity.

Ethnic traditions vanishing as Myanmar opens up to the outside world

By DENIS D. GRAY
The Associated Press

HKAMPALET, Myanmar — In the hills of Myanmar's Chin state, Shwe Mana plays a gentle song on a bamboo flute using only her nostrils — one of the last of her tribe to preserve this ancient skill. A dark, intricate web of tattoos covers her face, harking back to a time, it is said, when women disfigured themselves to dampen the lust of lowland marauders.

Her university-educated daughter, resting a hand gently on her mother's shoulder, makes it clear she won't be getting similar tattoos in what she calls "this Internet age." Her illiterate mother, like many from the Chin ethnic group, explains that the outside world has imparted a new sense of what is beautiful.

"My daughter thought it would be too painful and she would not look pretty," said Shwe Mana, 53, whose house hugs a 4,500-foot ridge line in the pleasant town of Kam-palet. "Some-times, I also feel that the tattoos don't make me pretty — but just sometimes."

Their story is becoming a common one in a country not long ago described as a place where time stood still. Tribal ways — dress, festivals, even languages — passed down through countless generations are vanishing in the course of one of the long-isolated country opens its doors wider to the outside world.

The end of military rule three years ago and the launch of economic and political reforms are accelerating change. That is bringing opportunity and hope for a long impoverished country, but also increasing pressure on tradition in one of the most ethnically diverse nations, home to more than 140 groups and numerous subgroups, from sea-roaming "gypsies" in the south to a tribe of pygmies living in the shadows of the Himalayas.

Across Myanmar, where ethnic minorities make up about a third of the 60 million people and inhabit half the country, barely a village remains cocooned in the past.

Witness the village of Kyar Do in southern Chin state, inhabited by the Maun sub-tribe. Reached by a precarious trail plunging down a mile-deep valley and often cut off during the monsoon rains, the community ac-



Above: Young women of the Muun subtribe — one with a traditional tattooed face and others with thanaka, a distinctive cosmetic face paste widely used by Burmese women for a smoother skin — gather in Kyar Do village to watch a soccer tournament. Below left: A woman smokes a pipe during the soccer game.

quired three inexpensive Chinese motorcycles last year and a mobile phone owned by the chief. Three television sets, powered by solar panels, allow the 500 villagers to keep up with the latest doings of soccer squads Manchester United and Real Madrid.

"The world they are in contact with is in constant change, and they want to be part of it," said F.K. Lehman, professor emeritus at the University of Illinois and one of the few anthropologists to have done field work among the Chin. "The change among the ethnic groups is very rapid and striking, and it will accelerate."

Wedged between northeast India and the heartland of the Burmans — the majority ethnic group in Myanmar — Chin state is home to six Chin tribes and 69 subtribes. It is a stunningly beautiful, rugged region rising to the 10,200-foot Mt. Victoria. But it is plagued by periodic famines, threadbare infrastructure and an insurgency, now at least temporarily halted, aimed at greater autonomy from the central government.

Driven by poverty and politics, a Chin diaspora — there are some 20,000 in Malaysia alone — has created economic disparities as relatives send money home to communities that were at one time generally egalitarian.

The family of Yen Htan recently built a new house in Kyar Do thanks to a son working in Malaysia who sends home about \$2,000 a year, a princely sum given the \$2-a-day income of most other families.

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a village primary school and a few of them go on to higher education in the district capital, Mindat.

With previous restrictions on foreigners traveling to Chin state now mostly lifted, a trickle of tourists make the heart-pounding trek to Kyar Do. Some offer candy and medicine or donations to rebuild a bridge demolished by floods. Others try to buy heirloom jewelry — expressions of pride, status and artistry — from households. Some

of the tattooed, bejeweled women expect cash for photographs.

British colonials who seized the Chin Hills in 1896 and American missionaries were earlier agents of change. The indigenous groups were able to meld some of their animist religion with Christianity, and the missionaries strengthened the concept of “Chin-ness” by creating the first Chin-written alphabet and other unifying measures.

“The English and missionaries offered a connection to a larger, more interesting world that did not depend on the Burmans, who had always been rather unkind to them,” Lehman said.

Kyar Do, like other Chin villages, seems to have its feet planted in both animism and Christianity — in the past and the present.

Down the slope from a Christian church, the ashes of the deceased lie beneath clusters of flat, table-like stones, according to ancient custom.

Lian Sakhong, a Chin activist and anthropologist, fled Myanmar after the brutal 1988 military suppression of a pro-democracy movement. On returning home in 2001, he noticed changes. Buddhist pagodas stood on hilltops where there were once only Christian churches. Students were pressured to convert to Buddhism, the religion of most Burmans, at special, well-endowed schools run under the government's Border Area Development Program.

His generation studied in Chin languages through primary school, but now children can do so only at Sunday school.

Christianity, which once so transformed Chin society, now is saving it, said Lian Sakhong, also the son of a tribal chief.

“Chin identity and Christianity are fully blended,” he said. “We have only one institution which is not controlled by the government: our church. When you sing a hymn and read the Bible in Chin on Sunday and you know that others across the state are doing the same, it makes for a kind of community, a unifying force.”

But as in other ethnic areas, languages are disappearing as once isolated valleys are connected by roads and modern communication.

WIRED WORLD

A digital touch

New MIT tech allows 3D image interaction

The Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have found a way to allow people in one place to interact with three-dimensional versions of people or objects in a different location.

MIT's Tangible Media Group calls the technology inFORM. A person in one location moves or puts an object in front of a depth-sensing camera. That camera sends signals to a motorized pin screen somewhere else, and that's where the 3D image pops up. If someone on camera is moving his hands, for example, that movement would show up on the pin screen in another location.

They hope the technology eventually can be used by urban planners and architects. It could also be used by doctors and others who need to look at CT scans.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate student Sean Follmer demonstrates inFORM technology at the campus in Cambridge, Mass., in November. Follmer, with MIT's Tangible Media Group, moves his hands in front of a depth-sensing camera, top right, which sends signals to a motorized pin screen, above, where a 3D image pops up to manipulate the red ball.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP



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Doberman chases goose, falls through ice

St. Louis firefighter Stan Baynes, from Rescue Squad 1C, keeps a Doberman Pinscher named Diablo above water while he is rescued from the lake in O'Fallon Park in St. Louis. Diablo's owner, Jason Newsome, said Diablo ran onto the ice after a goose and then fell through. The dog was in the ice for about 25 minutes, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Man extradited on vehicle scam charges

PA BENTLEYVILLE — A southwestern Pennsylvania man has been extradited from Missouri to face charges he posed as a lawman while scamming people during online automobile sales.

The Observer-Reporter said Timothy Russell, 25, of Bentleyville, was returned Thursday from the Franklin County, Mo., jail.

Southwest Regional police Chief John Hartman said Russell would claim to be either a constable or a state trooper, apparently to enhance his credibility during the vehicle deals on Craigslist.

In two instances, police said, Russell claimed to be a Pennsylvania lawman who needed a work vehicle and took delivery, only to stiff the sellers for the payment.

In a third case, Russell allegedly identified himself as a retired Missouri state trooper when he accepted payment from a western Pennsylvania man for a vehicle he never delivered.

Man on oxygen dies after lighting cigarette

NY NEW YORK — Authorities said a New York City man who used an oxygen tank was fatally burned after lighting a cigarette.

Relatives told the New York Post the incident occurred Sunday afternoon.

They said Richard Aguilar was smoking in a recliner at his Staten

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The number of dogs that authorities say an Indiana dog breeder whose minivan broke down in central Ohio was transporting — some four or five to a crate. Licking County Humane Society Executive Director Lori Carlson said the animals were stacked "bottom to top" in the van when it was discovered in the parking lot of a hotel in Hebron, east of Columbus, on Saturday. Carlson said the dogs, some just a few weeks old, had coats covered with feces and urine. The driver, who had been hired by the breeder, said he was supposed to take 50 dogs and 12 puppies to an animal rescue in New Jersey.

Island home with his oxygen tank and asphyxiated nearby.

The man's husband, Thomas Krisko, told the Post that the lit cigarette ignited Aguilar's oxygen tank, fatally burning him.

Krisko said Aguilar suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He said family couldn't get him to stop smoking.

Pastor arrested on suspicion of arson

CA VACAVILLE — A pastor has been arrested on suspicion of arson in connection with a fire at a home that was sparked by a Molotov cocktail.

The Reporter of Vacaville reported that Mark Lewis, 39, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Vacaville, was being held at Solano County Jail on suspicion of arson on an inhabited dwelling, conspiracy and stalking following his arrest Friday, a day after the attack.

Three other people have been arrested in connection with the fire-bombing. Six people were sleeping inside the home at the time, but no one was hurt.

A motive for the attack was not clear, although police said one of

the occupants of the home had a restraining order against Lewis.

Police say man ate marijuana to hide it

IA IOWA CITY — An Iowa City man has been accused of eating marijuana in an attempt to hide it from police.

Police said Quentrel J. Johnson, 19, was stopped Friday in a vehicle without headlights on. Authorities said the car had a strong odor of marijuana.

Johnson was asked to open his mouth, and officers found chewed-up marijuana on his tongue and teeth. A plastic bag of the drug was in his crotch area. A prescription bottle of codeine with no patient name was in the car, as well as \$3,000 in cash.

The Iowa City Press-Citizen reported that Johnson faces several drug charges, as well as an aggravated misdemeanor charge of obstruction of justice for allegedly eating the pot.

Authorities charge man with threatening flight

FL MIAMI — Authorities said a Brazilian man sent police and airline officials

an email claiming that a plane scheduled to fly from Miami to Brasilia was going to be attacked.

The U.S. Attorney's Office reported that Francisco Fernando Cruz, 22, was charged Thursday with transmitting a threat in interstate or foreign commerce. He faces up to five years in prison.

A criminal complaint says Miami-Dade police and TAM Airlines received an email Wednesday that threatened a specific flight on Friday.

Police traced the email to a computer at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J. The university reportedly captured video of Cruz using the computer.

Cruz was arrested after landing in Miami. He reportedly told investigators that he had sent the email as part of a dare game.

Lawsuit over probes is settled for \$1.6M

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A city and county in southern New Mexico have settled a lawsuit filed by a man taken to two hospitals and subjected to anal probes over suspicion of hiding drugs.

Attorneys for David Eckert said Monday that Hidalgo County and the city of Deming recently



settled their portion of a lawsuit for a total of \$1.6 million.

The lawsuit was filed against police and sheriff's officials in Deming and Hidalgo County, which borders Mexico. It alleges Deming police sought a search warrant for Eckert because they thought he appeared to be clenching his buttocks when he got out of his car in January 2013.

Despite the body searches, no drugs were found.

Police: Homeless guest sets fire after argument

PA PENN HILLS — A homeless man has been charged with setting fire to the home of a Pittsburgh-area couple who let him stay with them, after they argued when the man and an uninvited guest let themselves into the home and cooked all of the couple's sausage.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Mark Anthony Venson, 21, of Penn Hills. Nobody answered the phone at the home of a woman who, court records show, bailed him out of jail.

He faces a preliminary hearing Jan. 27.

From wire reports

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The new guy

Q&A: Connick talks about judging 'American Idol'

By RICK BENTLEY
The Fresno Bee

In the past two years, Harry Connick Jr. went from an "American Idol" viewer to a mentor and now a judge.

This year, Connick joins Keith Urban and Jennifer Lopez on the panel of judges who will help select this year's newest pop star. Randy Jackson, who has passed judgment on singers since the reality competition series started, is shifting his role to a mentor.

In the season premiere, host Ryan Seacrest and the three judges travel to Austin and Boston to see a mix of musical suspects that range from the talented to the talented.

We talked to Connick about taking on the role of judge for "American Idol XIII," which kicks off Wednesday on Fox (Thursday night on AFN-Family).

What made you feel comfortable enough to agree to be a judge?

My whole life has been a lot of interaction with people who are a lot better than I am, whether it's in a one-on-one teaching situation or a clinic or mentorship or master class. As I got older, I started to be on the giving end of those things. I would spend a lot of time talking to kids in high school, college, even professional people about how they can improve. So I feel very comfortable in that kind of environment.

Is it the same being a judge as being a mentor?

When "American Idol" called a few years ago to ask me to be a mentor, it felt like a very natural thing to do. And then they called me back last year to do it again and I had a great time. I really, really enjoyed spending time with those talented young performers. Then they called and asked me if I wanted to be a judge, which is different than being a mentor because you don't really have the intensity of the interaction but you get to share your views with a lot more people and try to help them develop their talent. So it just felt like a natural thing to do.

How are you different than the other two judges?

We're completely different. We're different brains, different personalities, different philosophies. I think what I bring to it is I have a lot of experience as a player, as a singer and as a kind of an overall entertainer that's unique to my own life. It's like the movies I've done are different than the ones that Jennifer's done and the concerts I've played are different than Keith's. So just by virtue of our own experience. I think I can bring something a little bit different.

Does the overall male talent look stronger this year?

There's some crazy guy talent. For real. No joke. There are some guys that are really good, some great young women, too. So it's hard to say if it's a 50/50 split. It's impossible to know and we certainly would never try to reach any kind of quota because that would be biased, I think. We just respond to the people that we see. I guess the feeling is that it's about half and half; maybe two more girls than guys, but I think it's about even.

How has adding guitars affected the show?

I think it's a great thing because it's very telling. When people pick up the guitar and they're not good players, it shows immediately that A) they should put the guitar down, and B) a lot of the decisions that they make as singers are not dissimilar to what they're doing on the guitar. If you're playing some chords that make no sense, that person can't hear. So, when they sing, it's obvious why they're making the choices they're making.

As a mentor, you put a lot of emphasis on the importance of contestants understanding the meaning of the lyrics of the songs. Will that be important to you as a judge?

Yes, that's huge. If they're going to sing a lyric, then you have to really start picking it apart. Sometimes, they'll listen to you when you say understand the words but then they'll oversing it or maybe it's kind of one dimensional. There's a lot of little roads you can go down for improvement. These are singers. You need to know how to sing a song. You need to know what you're singing about, and interestingly to me, that is not that important to a lot of singers. They just sing, but they're not connected to the lyrics.

What are the chances of finding the next Harry Connick Jr.?

Hopefully there's only one me, and you'll never find the next one.

sons, from 2001 to 2010.

Also back from the original series are Mary Lynn Rajskub, Kim Raver and William Devane. Several newcomers have joined the cast, including Oscar nominee Judy Davis and Yvonne Strahovski of "Dexter."

■ The producers of "American Idol" say the show's new season will include changes to freshen it, including expanded song choices for contestants. Master judge Randy Jackson's new role will include leading a workshop that helps

contestants deal with vocal and other challenges. The talent contest also will introduce a "rush week" that precedes the Hollywood week auditions.

■ Fox entertainment president Kevin Reilly said he's doing away with pilot season, where networks make test episodes of dozens of potential new shows in the spring to put some of them on their fall schedule. Reilly says networks need more time to judge whether a show will work, and producers need more time to make them.

Golden Globes ratings rise to 10-year high

From wire reports

The Nielsen ratings company says the Golden Globes awards ceremony hit a 10-year high in viewership.

According to national figures released Monday, the NBC telecast, with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler co-hosting for a second year, was seen Sunday by 20.9 million viewers. That's an audience growth of 1.2 million viewers (6 percent) over last year.

NBC said the telecast is the season's most-watched awards program, topping the CMA Awards, Emmy Awards, American Music Awards and People's Choice Awards.

Fey and Poehler are set to return to the Globes in 2015.

Judge nixes new Jackson trial

A judge in Los Angeles on Monday rejected a bid by Michael Jackson's mother for a new trial in her lawsuit claiming the promoter of her son's ill-fated comeback concerts was negligent in his death.

Superior Court Judge Yvette Palazuelos ruled that jurors were given proper instructions and there were no errors in her trial rulings that would warrant a retrial.

A jury determined in October that AEG Live was not liable for Jackson's June 2009 death despite hiring the doctor who was convicted of giving the superstar an overdose of a powerful anesthetic.

Critic expelled from group

Film critic Armond White has been expelled from the New York Film Critics Circle after allegedly heckling "12 Years a Slave" director Steve McQueen at the group's annual awards banquet.

The critics convened Monday and voted the CityArts critic out of the group. Entertainment Weekly's Owen Gleiberman is a member of the group. He confirmed White's expulsion in an online post.

White reportedly yelled expletives at McQueen when he accepted the award for best director at last week's New York Film Critics Awards. He was quoted as loudly calling McQueen an "embarrassing doorman and garbage man."

Other news

■ A teenager whose battle with a rare genetic condition that accelerates the aging process became the subject of an HBO documentary called "Life According to Sam" has died. Sam Berns, who suffered from Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome, commonly known as progeria, was 17.

■ Seventies heartthrob David Cassidy, 63, was arrested Friday in southern California on suspicion of drunken driving. Cassidy, who appeared in TV's "The Partridge Family" from 1970 to '74, was released Saturday morning on \$15,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 5.

■ Whitney Houston's daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown, has tied the knot with Nick Gordon. A representative for the family confirmed Friday that the 20-year-old Brown married Gordon.

■ AMC has announced that the "Breaking Bad" spinoff "Better Call Saul" will premiere in November 2014, but no specific date has been released.

■ Christine McVie, a songwriting and vocal linchpin of Fleetwood Mac, is returning to the band. McVie wrote such Mac staples as "Don't Stop" and "You Make Loving Fun."

Fox TCA roundup

Man on the run: '24' returns in May with 12 episodes

The Associated Press

Jack Bauer is back, and he's on the run in London.

Kiefer Sutherland returns as the intrepid counter-terrorist in a 12-episode run of "24: Live Another Day," debuting with a two-hour show May 5 on Fox, the network announced Monday at the Television Critics Association winter meeting in Pasadena, Calif. It will take up its regular one-hour slot starting May 12.

Sutherland played Bauer for eight sea-



FOX

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Google to buy Nest Labs for \$3.2B

By MARLEY JAY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Google will pay \$3.2 billion to buy Nest Labs, which develops high-tech versions of devices like thermostats and smoke detectors, in its second-largest acquisition ever.

The search engine operator was an early investor in Nest Labs. It says the company's Nest Learning Thermostat has been a "consistent best-seller." The thermostat, which retails for \$249, is designed to learn how inhabitants like their homes to be heated and cooled. Once it learns the consumers' preferences, it automatically adjusts the temperature on its own.

Its Nest Protect alarm is intended to be less annoying than

traditional alarms: when it detects rising smoke or carbon monoxide levels, it lights up yellow and speaks with a human voice, giving consumers an option to turn the device off if there is no emergency. They can stop the alert by waving an arm. The Nest Protect

costs \$129 while an older smoke and carbon monoxide detector could cost \$50 to \$80.

Analyst Shyam Patil, of Wedbush Securities, said Google is positioning itself to offer products that work on the "Internet of Things" — specifically a "connected home" full of intelligent wireless devices that collect data and could be controlled with a smartphone. The "Internet of Things" is a global network that not only links computers, tablets and phones but connects everything from bikes to washing machines to thermostats. Last year Google

introduced Chromecast, a device that lets users control their TVs and mobile devices.

"It's a big market opportunity and it provides Google with good technology to attack it over time," Patil said in a telephone interview. He has a "Neutral" rating on Google shares.

The deal is Google's biggest since it closed on the \$12.5 billion purchase of Motorola in May 2012.



A Nest Labs smoke and carbon monoxide alarm is shown.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 15)	\$1.4019
Dollar buys (Jan. 15)	€0.7133
British pound (Jan. 15)	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Jan. 15)	102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 15)	1,033.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6420
Canada (dollar)	1.0929
China (Yuan)	6.0407
Denmark (Krone)	6.5485
Egypt (Pound)	0.9647
Euro	\$1.3671
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7543
Hungary (Forint)	219.09
Israel (Shekel)	3.4848
Japan (Yen)	103.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2825
Norway (Krone)	6.1050
Philippines (Peso)	44.78
Poland (Zloty)	3.2070
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Singapore (Dollar)	1.2671
South Korea (Won)	1,060.91
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9019
Thailand (Baht)	32.70
Turkey (Lira)	2.1906

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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.07
3-month bond	0.06
30-year bond	3.80

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Dow Jones	-179.11
industrials	16,257.94
Nasdaq	-61.36
composite	4,113.30
Standard & Poor's 500	-23.17
Russell	-16.47
	1,148.06

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	58	35	Clr	Chatanooga	38	21	Clr	Fort Wayne	25	17	Clr	Louisville	30	23	Snow	Pocatello	40	15	Clr
Akron, Ohio	31	15	Clr	Chicago	20	15	Clr	Fresno	67	36	Clr	Lubbock	59	29	Clr	Portland, Maine	44	10	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	45	27	Clr	Cincinnati	39	18	PCldy	Goodland	57	28	Clr	Macon	50	28	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	47	32	Clr
Albuquerque	51	27	Clr	Cleveland	31	18	Clr	Grand Rapids	27	16	Snow	Madison	51	12	PCldy	Providence	48	30	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	47	29	Clr	Colorado Springs	53	26	Clr	Great Falls	53	29	Clr	Marietta	44	34	Clr	Pueblo	60	23	Clr
Anchorage	59	29	Clr	Columbia, S.C.	58	27	PCldy	Green Bay	16	9	PCldy	Miami Beach	74	52	Clr	Raleigh-Durham	57	28	Clr
Asheville	36	18	Snow	Columbus, Ga.	47	28	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	52	29	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	57	28	Clr	Rapid City	51	38	Clr
Atlanta	42	26	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	45	28	Clr	Hartford	44	29	Clr	Midvale	17	12	Snow	Richmond	56	33	Clr
Atlantic City	53	33	PCldy	Corpus Christi	64	38	Clr	Helena	46	24	PCldy	Missoula	31	20	Clr	Rochester	36	23	Snow
Austin	48	31	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	59	38	PCldy	Honolulu	81	69	PCldy	Monterey	45	24	PCldy	Rockford	17	14	Clr
Baltimore	48	25	Clr	Dayton	28	16	Clr	Houston	62	37	Clr	Nashville	35	23	PCldy	Sacramento	70	35	Clr
Baton Rouge	62	30	Clr	Daytona Beach	71	35	Clr	Huntsville	39	22	Clr	St. Louis	28	22	PCldy	St. Paul	65	47	Clr
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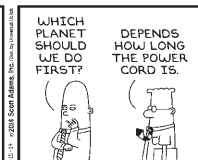
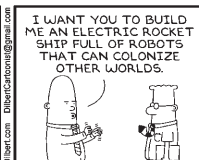
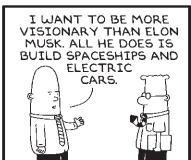
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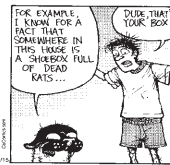
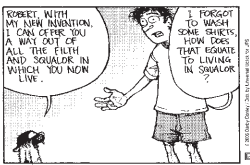
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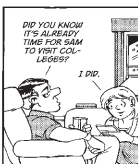
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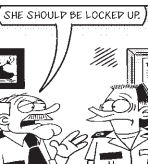
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- Horse-shoe site
- Mel melody
- Half dozen
- Duel tool
- Cincinnati team
- Stick with a kick

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- Quartz variety
- Ms. Moore
- Bloat
- Nov. preceder
- Apiece
- Dutch cheese
- Apt
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- Compete
- Doctrine
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- Masseur's workplace
- Census statistics
- Denominations
- Long cut
- Largest of the seven
- Landlord's due
- Unchanged
- Everyone except you and I
- Hindu royal
- Exceptional
- Greek consonants
- Risky
- Nintendo console
- Obtain
- Distant
- Piquancy
- Ms. Brockovich
- Libretto
- That girl
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- Shad product
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- Disencumber

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The Knights of Columbus Trinity J. Maule County #10922 will hold a Bazaar Free Time Charity Auction on 9 February 2014 at 6pm on Hagenberg at 1200 Lehigh Valley Mall. The event is for boys and girls aged 10-14 years. Tickets are \$10.00. For more information call 610-277-0788 or trinityjmaule@gmail.com

Automotive 140

Chevy Truck 2010, 1998 \$1500.00. Picking up extended cab pickup truck, Model (22) 2000, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 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Vancouver Canucks defenseman Kevin Bieksa is denied a shot on goal by Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick in the third period of Monday's game in Los Angeles. The Kings won 1-0.

Roundup

Quick, Kings shut out Canucks

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nine days after Dustin Brown injured Vancouver's Roberto Luongo in a collision, the Los Angeles Kings captain knew he wore a virtual target throughout the rematch. He even had to fight Ryan Kesler, who will be his U.S. Olympic teammate in four weeks.

Brown survived just fine, and he figured out an even better way to beat the Canucks this time.

Jonathan Quick made 28 saves in his 27th NHL shutout. Brown scored early in the third period, and the Kings beat Vancouver 1-0 on Monday for their fourth win over the Canucks this season.

Brown converted on a 3-on-1 rush just 24 seconds into the final period of a fight-filled game for the Kings, who earned just their third win in 10 games. In a game featuring 10 penalty minutes and a handful of fights, Brown landed the only blow that really counted.

"It's no different than any other game," Brown said. "They were upset about what happened with Luongo, but I've been in that situation before."

Quick was unbeatle while making his fifth consecutive start since returning from a 24-game injury absence. The U.S. Olympic goalie posted his second shutout of the season and his first since Nov. 7, a week before he severely strained his groin.

"It's usually like that when you play these guys," Quick said. "They're a tough team, and we've developed a bit of a rivalry over the past few years after playing them in the playoffs a few times. That's what you expect when they come in here."

Eddie Lack stopped 19 shots in his fourth straight start for the Canucks, who were shut out for the first time all season during their sixth loss in seven games.

Blue Jackets 3, Lightning 2: Mark Letestu redirected Jack Johnson's shot from the point

with 2:38 left, lifting host Columbus past Tampa Bay.

Nathan Horton scored his 200th NHL goal, also on the power play, and Ryan Johansen had a goal for Columbus, which is 1-1 in the new year. Sergei Bobrovsky had 26 saves.

Flames 2, Hurricanes 0: Karri Ramo made 22 saves in his first NHL shutout, and Mikael Backlund and Sean Monahan provided the offense in visiting Calgary's win over Carolina.

The Flames snapped a three-game losing streak and handed the Hurricanes their second straight shutout defeat.

Jets 5, Coyotes 1: The Winnipeg Jets found the energy they have lacked for weeks and made new coach Paul Maurice a win in his debut behind the bench by routing visiting Phoenix.

Olli Jokinen, Eric O'Dell, Blake Wheeler, Michael Frolik and Devin Setoguchi scored for the Jets (20-23-5), who held a 38-19 shots advantage.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	45	23	14	7	60	125	98
Tampa Bay	46	27	15	4	58	134	112
Montreal	46	26	16	4	57	117	107
Toronto	46	20	16	10	50	118	127
Ottawa	47	22	20	5	49	128	143
Buffalo	44	13	26	5	31	111	121

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	45	22	16	7	58	152	112
Washington	45	22	16	7	51	136	135
N.Y. Rangers	47	24	20	3	51	118	124
Philadelphia	46	23	19	4	50	121	129
Florida	46	22	20	4	48	129	131
New Jersey	47	19	18	9	48	108	117
Carolina	46	19	18	9	47	111	130
N.Y. Islanders	47	18	22	7	43	152	162

Western Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	48	30	8	10	70	175	132
St. Louis	44	31	8	5	67	161	99
Colorado	45	28	10	5	61	132	115
Minnesota	48	25	18	5	55	118	119
Dallas	45	20	18	7	47	127	139
Nashville	47	19	21	7	45	109	141
Winnipeg	48	20	23	5	45	133	146

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	48	35	8	5	75	161	119
San Jose	47	32	10	5	69	148	116
Los Angeles	47	28	14	5	61	120	96
Vancouver	46	24	14	8	56	114	114
Phoenix	45	21	15	9	51	134	141
Calgary	46	16	24	6	38	103	144
Edmonton	48	15	28	5	33	109	166

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's games	Calgary 2, Carolina 0	Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 2	Winnipeg 5, Phoenix 1	Los Angeles 1, Vancouver 0	Tuesday's games	Toronto at Boston	Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers	San Jose at Washington	Philadelphia at Buffalo	New Jersey at Montreal	N.Y. Islanders at Florida	Colorado at Chicago	Phoenix at St. Louis	Calgary at Nashville	Ottawa at Minnesota	Edmonton at Dallas	Buffalo at Toronto	Washington at Pittsburgh	Vancouver at Anaheim
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Second Period	1, Calgary, Backlund 7 (Byrdell, Wideman), 15:26 (pp).	Third Period	2, Calgary, Monahan 13 (Hugler, Gallardi), 9:36.	Shots on Goal	Calgary 14-6-9-29.	Power-play opportunities	Calgary 1 of 3; Carolina 0 of 1.	Calgary	Phoenix 1, 0-0-1	Winnipeg 2, 1-2-5	First Period	1, Phoenix, Elman-Larson 8 (Byrdell, Doan), 12:16 (pp).	Second Period	2, Winnipeg, Jokinen 12 (Byrdell), 12:52.	Third Period	3, Winnipeg, O'Dell 1, 18:00.	Shots on Goal	Calgary 14-6-9-29.	Power-play opportunities	Calgary 1 of 3; Carolina 0 of 1.
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NBA

Warriors looking for multiple All-Star nods

Golden State still angry over snub of Curry

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

Long after last year's NBA All-Star game, the Golden State Warriors were still upset about having only one representative.

Maybe this time they get their men.

Stephen Curry, perhaps the biggest snub last season, looks like a lock. And Warriors coach Mark Jackson believes David Lee has earned a return trip to the Feb. 16 game.

"I said all along that we had an All-Star in Steph Curry, and I was wrong because we have two guys that should be in the All-Star game," Jackson said last week. "David, the last 15 games, has played the power forward position as well as — to me better than anybody in this league, when you look at his numbers."

Curry, the highest-scoring player not selected in 2013, has two routes to New Orleans. He passed Chris Paul into second place among Western Conference guards in the latest returns, and will start if he holds that lead of about 26,000 votes when fan balloting ends on Jan. 20. If not, it's hard to imagine coaches passing on a player who is eighth in the league in scoring and second in assists.

Lee will have it tougher in the deep West frontcourt, where he'll have to get in line behind Kevin Love and LaMarcus Aldridge, perhaps battling for a spot with DeMarcus Cousins and Anthony Davis.

But he's been on a tear lately, averaging 22.7 points and 10.1 rebounds while shooting 68 percent on the Warriors' 6-1 road trip and winning West player of the week honors for the week ending Jan. 5. Plus, coaches usually favor players on winning teams, and the Warriors' recent 10-game winning streak put them firmly among them.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry points after making a three point basket. Curry, perhaps the biggest All-Star snub of last season, appears to be a lock for this year's festivities.

"Most important thing is that we're winning games right now and I think that's the best way that both of us can continue to make our cases, is if we keep winning games like we are," Lee said.

Five things to watch this week:

1 London calling: Brooklyn and Atlanta meet Thursday in London, the fourth regular-season game there since 2011, the third involving the Nets. It sold out in less than four hours, the NBA's fastest ever in Britain.



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

The Warriors' David Lee has averaged 22.7 points and 10.1 rebounds on 68 percent shooting over the Warriors' last seven games, but will face tough competition for a front court spot on the Western Conference All-Stars.

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Mark Jackson

Golden State head coach, on guard Steph Curry and forward David Lee

2 Hello again, Mr. President: Miami returns to the White House on Tuesday to be honored by President Barack Obama for its second straight championship. The Heat resume their six-game road trip Wednesday in Washington against the Wizards.

3 Lillard-Irving II: The thrilling duel between top young point guards wasn't settled until Damian Lillard's three-pointer way beyond the arc with 0.4 seconds left gave the Trail Blazers a 119-116 win in Cleveland on Dec. 17.

Kyrie Irving and the Cavaliers can get revenge Wednesday in Portland.

4 No Deng, no problem: Written off after trading Derrick Rose, the resilient Chicago Bulls won five in a row before Monday's loss to the Washington Wizards.

5 Winning Knicks: Winners of a season-high four straight, New York plays nine of its next 11 at home, including an eight-game homestand that starts Friday against the Clippers.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tobacco Roadkill?

North Carolina's quartet of perennial powerhouses are stumbling through the start of conference play

By JOEY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Looks as if there's a dead end on Tobacco Road.

Duke, North Carolina, N.C. State and Wake Forest entered Tuesday a combined 4-9 in Atlantic Coast Conference play after all losing on the same day for perhaps the first time in the storied history of this hoops hotbed.

The Tar Heels (0-6, 0-3) have last place all to themselves. The Blue Devils, Wolfpack and Demon Deacons (each 1-2 in the ACC) are part of an eight-team tie for next-to-last.

North Carolina coach Roy Williams said Monday that his team and Duke in particular "really have been pretty doggone good and have stood the test of time."

He wonders if "this is a bad year or a bad month or a bad week or two bad games. Who knows?"

Preseason favorite Duke tumbled from No. 7 to No. 23 in two weeks after its worst start to ACC play since 2006-07.

A 13-point loss at Clemson last week prompted Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski to say "we're not a good team right now."

N.C. State's 31-point loss to Virginia marked its worst loss in the 15-year history of PNC Arena.

Meanwhile, Wake Forest has dropped both of its conference road games by at least 15 points apiece and is 1-26 under fourth-year coach Jeff Bzdelik on the road in ACC play.

N.C. State coach Mark Gottfried was talking specifically about his team Monday, but he could have been discussing the rest of his in-state rivals when he said "we had



GERRY BROOME/AP

After a 13-point loss to Clemson last week, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said "we're not a good team right now."

a difficult day. We've got to get ourselves back up."

Part of the problem for each school has been inexperience.

The only Duke starter who was in the program as recently as 2011-12 is point guard Quinn Cook. N.C. State has only three players back from last season.

And Wake Forest has been in perpetual rebuilding mode since Bzdelik took over in 2010, with only one fourth-year scholarship senior on the roster for the second straight year.

"Even Duke — they've got young players," Gottfried said. "People forget that (phenom Jabari) Parker's a freshman and those type of things. I'm watching North Carolina and they're playing young guys. We're playing young guys. So sometimes you can be very high and very low."

No team has shown more in-

consistency than North Carolina — which has wins over three top-10-at-the-time teams in Kentucky, Louisville and Michigan State, and losses to Belmont, Alabama-Birmingham and every ACC team they've played so far.

The Tar Heels also have been dealing with NCAA distractions, announcing last month that they won't pursue reinstatement for leading scorer P.J. Hairston after his rules violations included using rental vehicles tied to a felon and party promoter in Durham.

Guard Leslie McDonald missed the first nine games for receiving improper benefits and North Carolina has lost four of its seven games since his return.

The stat sheet points out obvious holes for each team.

No ACC team shoots better or scores more than Duke — but the Blue Devils simply haven't been able to defend, ranking 13th in scoring defense and 14th in field goal percentage defense.

"We're a very young team and we get predicted to do something based on me being old," the 67-year-old Krzyzewski said after the Clemson loss. "That's the way it is. And we have to measure up to something we probably weren't good enough to do to begin with."

North Carolina is the ACC's top offensive rebounding team — but the Tar Heels, the league's worst team from the free-throw line, are 14th in rebounding defense and have lost five games by six or fewer points.

"We just need to get better in so many different areas," Williams said. "You're not going to just get your teeth cleaned. You're going to go get some work done on every tooth."



COREY LOWENSTEIN, RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT

North Carolina coach Roy Williams, right, talks with forward Joel James during a loss to Syracuse last week. The Tar Heels are a surprising last place in the ACC, part of a miserable start to conference play for powerhouses Duke, Wake Forest and N.C. State.

N.C. State ranks 14th in three-point shooting and 13th in rebounding margin. Wake Forest is 14th in free-throw shooting, 12th in defending the three-point line and last in rebounding defense.

And everything came together last Saturday in a decidedly imperfect storm.

At the same time North Carolina lost by 12 at Syracuse, Wake Forest fell by 15 points at Pittsburgh. Clemson used a strong second half to beat Duke 72-59 and the Wolfpack made it 0-for-4 on Tobacco Road with its 76-45 loss to Virginia.

Another instance of the four

schools losing on the same day couldn't be found. Wake Forest's media guide doesn't list complete dates of games played before the 1950-51 season and N.C. State's doesn't before 1946-47.

If nothing else, all four won't lose on any day this week — because they're going to play each other.

N.C. State visits Wake Forest on Wednesday night and plays at Duke on Saturday.

"There's a lot of success with these programs, and it's stood the test of time," Williams said. "So my first inclination would be to say, 'Let's not bury us yet.'"

Top 25 roundup

Surging Jayhawks hand Iowa State second loss



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Kansas guard Andrew Wiggins, left, passes in front of Iowa State forward Dustin Hogue on Monday.

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Kansas freshman Andrew Wiggins grabbed every rebound in sight. Joel Embiid was nearly unstoppable in the paint in the second half, and Naadir Tharpe seemingly couldn't miss.

The young Jayhawks are growing up, and they're putting it together in time for another run through the Big 12.

Tharpe scored a career-high 23 points on just nine shots, Wiggins had 17 points and a season-high 19 rebounds and No. 15 Kansas beat No. 8 Iowa State 77-70 on Monday night for its third straight win to open conference play.

"The thing about it is, if you have followed our team closely, you could make the case that this team probably enjoyed playing less than other teams we've had," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "But since we started conference play, they're having as much fun as any team we've ever had."

The Jayhawks had plenty of reasons to

smile in perhaps their most impressive win of the season.

Embiid had 12 of his 16 points in the second half with five blocks for the Jayhawks (12-4, 3-0), who outrebounded Iowa State 53-36.

Kansas opened the second half with a 16-5 run and led the rest of the way, handing the Cyclones (14-2, 2-2) their second consecutive loss after a 14-0 start.

Iowa State doesn't start anyone taller than 6-foot-7, and its lack of size is threatening to become an issue.

"This is a couple of games in a row now where, probably the difference has been on the glass," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said. "We were pretty good in the non-conference portion of the schedule. You don't want this to be a trend moving forward."

The Jayhawks committed 24 turnovers but they survived by shooting 49 percent from the field and dominating the glass.

No. 2 Syracuse 69, Boston College 59:

Trevor Cooney scored 21 points, Jerami Grant added 16 and Syracuse fought off their pesky hosts in Boston College.

C.J. Fair and Tyler Ennis each had 12 points for the Orange (17-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference). Grant added eight rebounds for Syracuse, one of four unbeaten teams in Division I.

No. 23 Duke 69, Virginia 65: Rasheed Sulaimon finished with a season-high 21 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with 18.8 seconds left, for host Duke.

Rodney Hood added 14 points for the Blue Devils (13-4, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Amile Jefferson grabbed Hood's air ball and kicked it out to Sulaimon who was waiting alone in the left corner and put Duke up 67-65.

Harris missed a layup with about 10 seconds left. Jefferson, a 41 percent free throw shooter entering the game, iced it with two free throws with 6.8 seconds remaining.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Motivated Bearcats get back in Top 25

By JOE KAY
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — One of the Bearcats' worst losses became a turning point.

Cincinnati got dominated during a 17-point loss to Xavier on Dec. 14 at a neutral site. One of the most lopsided losses in the series' history became a rallying point. The Bearcats decided they weren't going to get pushed around again.

They haven't lost a game since. The Bearcats (15-2, 4-0 American Athletic) have won eight in a row and moved into the Top 25 on Monday for the first time this season.

The 19th-ranked Bearcats trace the season-best surge back to that bad loss.

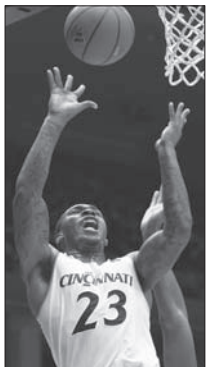
"Embarrassed," forward Justin Jackson said before practice on Monday. "We felt we were embarrassed as a team. Our whole image is a tough team, a hard team to play against, and we got away from that."

In the past month, they've gotten their image back.

The Bearcats rank sixth nationally in points allowed. They're giving up an average of 56.2 per game and have held their past 24 foes to fewer than 70 points, the longest current streak in the nation. Nobody has scored more than 67 points against them this season.

But it's more than just stopping the other team. Cincinnati has started to score consistently, which was a major problem earlier in the season.

Cincinnati's first loss was a 63-54 defeat at New Mexico. Then came the 64-47 loss to Xavier, with the Musketeers pulling ahead by 20 points in the first half and leading by double digits the rest of the way. The winning streak started with an ugly 44-43 victory over Pittsburgh.



DAVID KOHN/AP

Cincinnati guard Sean Kilpatrick needs to take the ball inside more, according to coach Mick Cronin.

Since then, the team's freshmen have started contributing more to the offense and coach Mick Cronin has turned them loose.

"Coach knows that everyone on this team can score," senior shooting guard Sean Kilpatrick said. "What he encourages us every time we get the rebound is to go. That's something you rarely see from a college coach — when you get the rebound, play with confidence and go. Don't look over at the bench. He wants us to feel comfortable on the court and keep running up and down."

Freshman point guard Troy Caupain has played at least 22 minutes in four of the past five games, giving the offense a lift with his ability to lead fast breaks. Caupain had 14 points during a win over Rutgers on Saturday.

"I can't do what I did in high school," Caupain said. "When I got here, everything was getting blocked. They're bigger, stronger than players in high school. I finally realized what I had to do to make myself open to shoot."

"This is a faster game here. Me being a freshman, I had to adjust. But I feel I've adjusted well."

They've kept the winning streak going even though they're best player has been in a deep shooting slump. Kilpatrick leads the AAC with 18.4 points a game, but has gone only 4 of 33 from beyond the three-point arc in his past five games.

Kilpatrick was a season-worst 1-for-10 during the 71-51 win over Rutgers, but finished with a team-high 16 points. He drove to the basket, drew fouls and was 9-for-10 from the free-throw line.

Cronin would like to see Kilpatrick take the ball inside more. "He's got to get back to playing with his mind a little more so he can be more efficient," Cronin said. "He's just relying too much on the three-point shot."

Kilpatrick has gotten open shots from behind the arc but missed, forcing him to try other things.

"I've been trying hard to get fouled a lot," he said. "Being able to make cuts and post up little guys, that's my advantage and something I've got to keep taking advantage of to get us in a better spot."

A win over Temple on Tuesday would leave them 5-0 in conference play for the first time since 2002-03, when they were in Conference USA. They're 12-0 at home, where they have a 14-game winning streak overall since the end of last season.

Cincinnati is in first place in the AAC's inaugural season, a game ahead of Louisville and Memphis.

"What's the key to winning a regular-season conference championship? Don't lose at home," Cronin said. "I thought this team had a chance to do it. I've talked to them about it all year. We've just tried to challenge them: No matter who we're playing, we will not lose at home."



ANDY MANIS/AP

Illinois' Jaylon Tate, center, gets tangled with Wisconsin's Bronson Koenig, left, and Nigel Hayes during their game last week. Freshmen Koenig and Hayes have come off the bench to help the No. 3 Badgers to their best start (16-0) in school history.

Fresh legs boost Badgers

Rookie reserves Hayes, Koenig making impression for No. 3

By JIM HOEHN

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A pair of talented freshmen have exceeded expectations for Wisconsin, quelling coach Bo Ryan's preseason concerns by helping the undefeated Badgers climb to a No. 3 ranking.

"Will youth be served or will the youth get served? I don't know. We'll have to wait and see," Ryan said at the team's preseason media day.

So far, the youngsters seem to be all right. On a team that has just one senior in the rotation, freshmen Nigel Hayes and Bronson Koenig have come on to help the Badgers to a 16-0 start, the best in school history.

Wisconsin, 3-0 in the Big Ten and a half-game behind first-place Michigan State, plays at Indiana (11-5, 1-2) on Tuesday.

Hayes, a 6-foot-7 forward, and Koenig, a 6-3 guard, benefited from Wisconsin's five-game exhibition tour of Canada in August and usually are the first players off the bench at their respective positions.

"They're two guys that are physically probably beyond where normal freshmen are, but also mentally are very mature in terms of their basketball IQ and knowledge of the game," associate head coach Greg Gard said.

"Both also do a very good job of staying within and what their strengths are. They don't try to do something they're not capable of yet. They play within the formula other guys on the floor."

Hayes, who has twice been selected Big Ten freshman of the week, is averaging 6.8 points in 15.4 minutes per game. In the three conference games, however, he is averaging 12.7 points, third-highest on the team, including a season-high 19 points in a 76-49 rout of Northwestern.

I credit that to my teammates giving me the confidence that I can go out there and play with best of the guys," Hayes said. "And, not only just play and mill around, but stand out and become an impact player."

Junior guard Josh Gasser, who missed last season with a torn ACL in his left knee, started 30 games as a freshman and is familiar with some of the challenges Hayes and Koenig face.

"This summer, Nigel was a little frustrated defensively. He just couldn't figure out some of the ball screen stuff," said Gasser, who has returned to a

'I credit that to my teammates giving me the confidence that I can go out there and play with best of the guys.'

Nigel Hayes

Wisconsin freshman reserve

starting role. "I told him, 'Trust me, in a few weeks you're going to be our best player at it.' I have such confidence with him in the defensive end. He's such a good player. Offensively, we're at the point where if Nigel's got a one-on-one on the block, just give him the ball and get out of the way."

While expected to compete for some playing time, Koenig's role increased with the departure of sophomore guard George Marshall, who missed several games after sustaining a concussion in mid-November and then decided to transfer.

Koenig, the 2013 Wisconsin high school player of the year, is averaging 16.7 minutes per game, most among the reserves. In the Badgers' 95-70 victory over Illinois on Wednesday, Koenig played 22 minutes, making 3 of 4 shots.

"I thought I could get in the rotation, I wasn't really sure how much with George being the backup point guard," Koenig said. "That would have taken some of my minutes. So I think I'm playing more minutes than I expected to before he left."

Gasser said the freshmen are adjusting to the intensity of conference play, but that Indiana represents another level.

"Indiana's one of the greatest venues in college basketball. Indiana basketball is there. The students are back from break, so it's going to be a charged-up environment," Gasser said. "You've got a top-five team in the country coming in and they're trying to get that signature win. It's probably going to be an environment that these freshmen have never seen before."

Wisconsin has won 12 straight games against Indiana, tied for the most consecutive wins against the Hoosiers, matching Purdue.

SPORTS BRIEFS/MLB

Briefly

Lions hire Caldwell

The Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions wanted to replace Jim Schwartz with someone with experience as a head coach.

The Lions landed one, though he appears to be Plan B.

Jim Caldwell has been hired by Detroit, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the move had not been announced. ESPN first reported the hire.

San Diego Chargers assistant and former Arizona Cardinals coach Ken Whisenand was seemingly Detroit's top choice, but he chose to take the head coaching job at Tennessee on Monday night.

The Lions are giving Caldwell another chance to be an NFL head coach. He helped the Indianapolis Colts play in the Super Bowl after his debut season in 2009 and was fired two years later after a 2-14 season while Peyton Manning was injured, dropping his three-year mark to 26-22.

Caldwell was hired by Baltimore two years ago to be their quarterbacks coach and was promoted to offensive coordinator late in the 2012 season. The Ravens went on to win the last Super Bowl.

The Ravens, though, struggled on offense in 2013 and might've replaced Caldwell if he didn't get fired another job. Baltimore ranked 29th on offense overall — 30th rushing and 18th passing — last season with Super Bowl-winning quarterback Joe Flacco and running back Ray Rice.

Caldwell's body of work was enough to also make him a candidate to lead the Washington Redskins and Titans. Former Tennessee coach Mike Munchak and ex-Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak were also considered by the Lions.

Caldwell won his first 14 games with the Colts in 2009 before losing the final two games of the regular season while resting Manning and most of the other starters. The Colts lost to the New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl. Indy was 10-6 the following season and won another AFC South title, then lost to the New York Jets in a wild-card game. With Manning out for all of Caldwell's third season, the Colts lost 14 games and Caldwell lost his job.

In other NFL news:

■ A federal judge in Philadelphia has preliminarily rejected a \$765 million settlement of NFL concussion claims, fearing the sum may not be enough to cover injury lawyers.

U.S. District Judge Anita



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Detroit Lions hired Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell as their new coach, a source told The Associated Press.

Brody has asked for more financial details from the parties, a week after players' lawyers filed a lengthy payout plan.

Brody, in her ruling Tuesday, notes that the plan is designed to cover nearly 20,000 men for 65 years.

She says she is mostly concerned that not all retired players who are someday diagnosed with a related brain injury will be paid.

The proposed awards would reach \$5 million for athletes with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease; \$4 million for a death involving brain trauma; and \$3 million for dementia cases.

Maryland countersues ACC for \$157M

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland has filed a \$157 million counterclaim against the Atlantic Coast Conference, alleging the league tried to recruit two Maryland Big Ten schools after Maryland announced its intention to leave for the Big Ten.

The 53-page document was filed late Monday in Raleigh, N.C. It does not name the two schools allegedly targeted by the ACC.

The counterclaim contends that representatives from Wake

Forest and Pittsburgh "each contacted a Big Ten university in an attempt by the ACC to recruit at least two Big Ten schools."

Maryland is also asking the ACC to pay \$16 million the school says has been improperly withheld since November 2012, when Maryland announced it was leaving for the Big Ten.

Davis leaves USC after 1 week for Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Southern California defensive line coach Bo Davis is leaving to work at Alabama six days after his hiring.

USC announced Monday that Davis was leaving for a similar position with the Crimson Tide. Alabama does not announce such hires until coaches have signed contracts.

Trojans coach Steve Sarkisian says he "will move forward and find a great coach for our defensive line."

Alabama defensive line coach Chris Rumph reportedly took a position with Texas.

Davis had spent three seasons coaching defensive tackles for the Longhorns. Before that, he had worked for Tide coach Nick Saban for eight of the previous nine years with Alabama, LSU and the Miami Dolphins.

Five things to know about A-Rod's suit

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez sued Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association in an effort to overturn the season-long drug suspension imposed last weekend by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. Here are five things to know about the complaint filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan:

1 What is Rodriguez claiming? His lawsuit accused the Major League Baseball Players Association of "bad faith," said its representation during the hearing was "perfunctory at best" and accused it of failing to attack a civil suit filed by MLB in Florida state court as part of its Biogenesis investigation. His lawyers criticized Michael Weiner, the union head who died from a brain tumor in November, for saying last summer he recommended Rodriguez settle for a lesser penalty if MLB were to offer an acceptable length. The suit claimed Major League Baseball engaged in "ethically challenged behavior" and was the source of media leaks in violation of baseball's confidentiality rules. It said Horowitz acted "with evident partiality" and "refused to entertain evidence that was pertinent and material." And it faulted Horowitz for denying Rodriguez's request to have a different arbitrator hear the case, for not ordering baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to testify and for allowing Biogenesis of America founder Anthony Bosch to claim Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination in refusing to answer questions during cross-examination.

2 What was the reaction? Former major league All-Star Tony Clark, who took over from Weiner as the union head, issued a statement saying "it is unfortunate that Alex Rodriguez has chosen to sue the players' association. His claim is completely without merit, and we will aggressively defend ourselves and our members from these baseless charges. The players' association has vigorously defended Mr. Rodriguez's rights throughout the Biogenesis investigation, and indeed throughout his career. Mr. Rodriguez's allegation that the association has failed to fairly represent him is outrageous, and his gratuitous attacks on our former executive director, Michael Weiner, are inexcusable. When all is said and done, I am confident the players' association will prevail."

3 What did the arbitrator find? Horowitz, in a decision made public as part of the lawsuit, concluded Rodriguez used testosterone, human growth hormone and insulin-like growth factor-1 in 2010, 2011 and 2012 in violation of baseball's Joint Drug Agreement. He wrote MLB was justified in citing violation of the collective bargaining agreement because Rodriguez "played an active role in inducing

Biogenesis of America founder Anthony Bosch to issue his own public denial on Jan. 29" and "attempted to induce Bosch to sign a sworn statement on May 31" saying he never supplied the player. Still, Horowitz cut the suspension from 211 games to 162 plus the 2014 postseason.

4 What's next? MLB and the union will file answers, and Rodriguez's lawyers may ask for a preliminary injunction to block enforcement of the suspension, which starts with the Yankees' season opener on March 31. Rodriguez's lawyers may attempt to depose Selig and others, but MLB could ask U.S. District Judge Edgardo Ramos to quash any subpoenas. It's not clear whether the legal process will take weeks or months. Supreme Court decisions have set narrow grounds for judges to vacate arbitration decisions, instances such as corruption or not following the rules agreed to by the parties.

5 What is the judge's background? Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, in 1960, Ramos is a graduate of Yale and Harvard Law School. He was an assistant U.S. attorney in Brooklyn from 1992-02, between stints as an associate at Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett, and a partner at Day Pitney, where he was a member of the white-collar and internal investigations practice group. At the U.S. Attorney's Office, he became deputy chief of the narcotics section. In 2009, he was the court-appointed defense lawyer for Oussama Kassir, a Lebanese-born Swede convicted of 12 charges of plotting to help al-Qaida recruit and then sentenced to life in prison. Ramos served for eight years as commissioner of the New York City Commission to Combat Police Corruption following his appointment by former Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The judge was nominated for the bench by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in December 2011.



DAVID KARP/AP

Alex Rodriguez has sued Major League Baseball and the Players Association in an effort to overturn his season-long drug suspension.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN/NFL

High seeds refuse to wilt

Murray, Azarenka among winners calling heat 'hazardous'

By DENNIS PASSA
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — After a day of searingly-hot temperatures that raised complaints from players, top-seeded Rafael Nadal advanced to the second round of the Australian Open in relatively mild conditions.

Nadal's Australian opponent Bernard Tomic, bothered from the start by a left leg injury, retired from the match after losing the first set 6-4. Some in the capacity crowd of 15,000 at Rod Laver Arena booed lustily when Tomic indicated he could not continue.

Roger Federer, Andy Murray and defending women's champion Victoria Azarenka advanced earlier Tuesday amid temperatures that topped 108 degrees.

Third-seeded Maria Sharapova joined them when she beat American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-3, 6-4 in the last match of the night. Mattek-Sands double-faulted on break point in the ninth game of the second set and Sharapova served out.

Tomic called a medical timeout after three games and twice more before he quit.

"Unfortunately, it's unlucky how it happened. I went for one ball and felt pain in my left leg," Tomic said of the training injury.

Nadal said he felt for his opponent. "I know how tough is this situation, I had the same a few years ago at this tournament," Nadal said. "Since the beginning, I saw a little bit he had some problems on the leg."

There were clearly varying degrees of opinion on what constitutes extreme heat after a scorching second day of matches.

Federer thinks it's a "very mental thing" — he's learned to deal with the heat across a record 57 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, winning an unprecedented 17 men's majors.

The Swiss star was as cool as usual in his 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 opening win over Australian wild-card entry James Duckworth on Tuesday afternoon, his first under the supervision of new coach Stefan Edberg.

But he had more shade on center court than there was out on Court 6, where the first round ended in injury retirements and Canadian qualifier Frank Dancevic collapsed during the third.

Dancevic got up and finished, losing 7-6 (12), 6-3, 6-4 to No. 27 Benoit Paire, and later said the conditions were "inhumane" and "definitely hazardous."

Wimbledon champion Murray, on the comeback from minor back surgery in September, agreed after his 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 win over Go Soeda of Japan, advising officials not to be too cavalier with the rules.

"It looks terrible for the whole sport when people are collapsing, ball kids are collapsing, people in the stands are collapsing," the Wimbledon champion said.

At the end of the day, half of the 128 players in each of the men's and women's draws were ousted.

Azarenka played the opening match on the center court, and said it felt "like you're dancing in a frying pan."



ALUA RAHUP/AP

Frank Dancevic of Canada lies on the court after collapsing during his match against Benoit Paire of France as temperatures topped at 108 degrees at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, on Tuesday.

She had a 7-6 (2), 6-2 win over No. 91-ranked Johanna Larsson of Sweden.

Former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki chimed in with claims that her plastic water bottle was melting on Margaret Court Arena.

A hot, gusty breeze swirled across Melbourne Park all day, making conditions more challenging instead of cooler. The crowd for the day session was down almost 12,000 from day one.

Players draped bags of ice over their necks and shoulders and sat under covered seats in the changeovers. They retreated into the shade at the back of the courts between points.

"It's easy to say that the conditions

are safe ... but it only takes one bad thing to happen and it looks terrible for the sport when people are collapsing," Murray said. "Whether it's safe or not I don't know, but you've got to be very careful."

Tournament referee Wayne McKewen defended a decision not to invoke measures which would have seen outdoor matches suspended and the roofs on two arenas closed.

"While conditions were hot and uncomfortable, the relatively low level of humidity ensured that conditions never deteriorated to a point where it was necessary to invoke the 'Extreme Heat Policy,'" McKewen said.



EUGENE HOSHIO/AP

Victoria Azarenka puts ice packs around her during a break in her match against Johanna Larsson at the Australian Open on Tuesday.



CHARLIE RIEDER/AP

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning calls an audible at the line of scrimmage against the Chargers on Sunday. Manning commonly called out "Omaha" as he called out signals, to the delight of Nebraska's biggest city.

Nebraska city revels in shoutout on Manning's call

By ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Peyton Manning can't stop shouting about Nebraska's largest city.

The Denver Broncos quarterback used the word "Omaha" loudly and often during Sunday's playoff victory over the San Diego Chargers.

According to an NFL.com video montage, Manning barked "Omaha" before the ball was snapped 44 times during the game.

The reason for the word choice, if there is one, is known only to Manning and the Broncos.

But it provided some unexpected publicity for the city of 427,000, perhaps best known as the home of both billionaire Warren Buffett and the Fortune 500 insurance company Mutual of Omaha (sponsor of the old TV show "Wild Kingdom").

"I think it shows Peyton Manning really loves Omaha," Mayor Jean Stothert said Monday. "I'll personally take him on a tour. He has an official invitation now."

Omaha was a trending topic on Twitter during the game, and the Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau jumped aboard, tweeting: "We certainly appreciate all the love from Peyton Manning :)"

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce President and CEO David Brown said he was watching the game, and he wondered how his agency could capitalize.

Brown said he wants to explore the possibility of hiring Manning, one of the sporting world's top pitchmen, to shoot a promotional ad for Omaha.

"We'd be foolish not to," Brown said, adding that he realizes Manning's fee probably would be prohibitive.

Quarterback Tom Brady of the New England Patriots has been known to say "Omaha" during games and so has Peyton's brother, New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

"Sally," "Alpha," and "Kentucky" are among the many words that amount to gibberish to the typical fan, and sometimes they truly mean nothing.

But the words often are a signal to the rest of the offense to change a play or scheme — and defenses sometimes try to crack the code.

For the city of Omaha, the value of Manning's shout-outs is impossible to calculate, Parrott said.

Parrott noted, however, that air time for a 30-second Super Bowl ad is \$4 million this year. If Manning leads the Broncos to the Super Bowl and yells "Omaha" as many times as he did Sunday, well, that's lots of free exposure.

"Commercials cost money to make and you have to come up with the idea and hire a production company to make it. It could cost \$4 million just for the production, and we get it for free," Parrott said.

"Everybody in Omaha really needs to root for Peyton to take down Tom Brady and the Patriots so we can hear 'Omaha' in the Super Bowl."

AP Pro Football Writer Arnie Stapleton in Denver and AP Sports Writer Mike Marot in Indianapolis contributed to this report.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Seahawks quite familiar with title game foe

Seattle isn't surprised to see West rival San Francisco for third time this season

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — After beating up on each other twice earlier this season, Pete Carroll was not surprised to see San Francisco as the opponent coming to Seattle for the NFC championship game.

He believes the division foes, with one of the most heated rivalries in the NFC, meeting for a trip to the Super Bowl is validation for how good the once-mocked NFC West has become.

"This matchup is exactly what everybody is looking for and it's an exciting one with a lot of background," Carroll said on Monday. "I'm grateful it's coming from our division. I think our division really made a statement this year about how good we were and of losses came within the division. When you look at it this is a fantastic matchup with a great opportunity for both teams."

Seattle (14-3) advanced to the NFC title game after knocking off New Orleans 23-15 in the divisional round on Saturday.

It's the second NFC championship game appearance for Seattle and third overall having once played for the AFC title.

There is familiarity and contention when it comes to San Francisco and Seattle.

They've played six times since San Francisco coach Jim Harbaugh arrived before the 2011 season with the 49ers holding a 4-2 advantage. But of Seattle's four losses, only one — the first — has



been by more than seven points. Seattle and San Francisco split the two games this season with each winning at home.

The Seahawks rolled to a 29-3 win in Week 2, and the 49ers kicked a late field goal for a 19-17 win in Week 14.

Perhaps it's appropriate that the series record is tied 15-15 heading into Sunday with more at stake than ever before.

"It shows how good the NFC West has been over the past couple of years," Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson said.

"It's going to be a great challenge for both teams. It's going to be a physical game. It's going to be a game where everybody knows each other and everybody knows everybody's techniques so we just have to play great football and execute and be on time make the plays when we need to make them."

Seattle goes into the week with two lingering injury questions.

The first is with wide receiver Percy Harvin, who made his return on Saturday and suffered a concussion late in the first half.

Carroll emphasized Monday they will "respect the heck" out



DOUG DURAN, Bay Area News Group/MCT

The San Francisco 49ers' Bruce Miller, left, tries to tackle the Seahawks' Byron Maxwell after Maxwell's interception at Candlestick Park in San Francisco on Dec. 8 in the second of two regular-season games between the NFC West rivals. The two meet again Sunday in Seattle for the NFC championship.

of the process for Harvin to get cleared and said Wednesday and Thursday will be the important days if he's able to get back on the field.

Harvin took two big hits in the game, the first coming from Rafael Bush on the third play and drawing a 15-yard roughing penalty. Harvin also was hit by Malcolm Jenkins as he hit the field on the play he was injured.

Before he was injured, Harvin showed the flashes Seattle believed it was getting in mass quantity when it traded for him

during the offseason.

Carroll said Harvin had no issues with his hip that was surgically repaired in August and the concern this week is strictly for his head. He added that Seattle playing on Saturday and Harvin having an extra day of recovery could be significant.

"We're going to take care of Percy and make sure we do the right thing. We're not going to stretch the limits at all. We're going to be very careful here. We'll do that every step of the way."

Aside from Harvin, Seattle is

also waiting to see if linebacker K.J. Wright will play for the first time since suffering a fracture in his right foot against San Francisco in Week 14.

Wright had surgery after the injury and was back running last week, Carroll said he would be tested on Wednesday to see where he is at in his recovery.

"We ran well today and over the weekend," Carroll said. "He'll come back out on Wednesday and we'll see where he is. He has a chance and we're excited for him."

Back: Linebackers are the main strength of 49ers' defense

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ers, able to chase down quarterbacks with their speed and overpower blockers with their strength.

Willis and Bowman are the do-everything inside backers, who plug holes against the run, blitz when needed and chase running backs and tight ends in coverage.

While Willis came into the year as the most decorated of the bunch as a five-time All-Pro and Smith the most feared with 33½ sacks his first two seasons, it is Bowman who has led the group this season when the Niners needed it most.

Smith missed five games to receive substance abuse treatment and Willis showed a few signs of slowing down, turning Brooks into the on-field leader of the group.

He was named first-team All-Pro for the third straight season and has been mentioned as a candidate for Defensive Player of the Year after recording a career-high five sacks, two interceptions, five forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. That earned him

the ultimate praise from Willis.

"I said, 'Man, you're having the kind of year that linebackers want to have. I know you're most certainly having the kind of year that I would love to have,'" Willis said. "He's my brother. I'm always going to be his biggest fan. He's my teammate. I'm just glad to see him do well. When one of us does well, we all do well. That's how we think as a team."

The crowning moment of Bowman's year came in the regular-season home finale against Atlanta. With the 49ers in danger of losing the final scheduled game at Candlestick Park and having their playoff status put in doubt, Bowman delivered one of the season's most impressive plays.

It started with him blitzing up the middle against Matt Ryan. But after getting the center to commit, Bowman retreated and was in the perfect position when Tramaine Brock broke up a slant pass to Harry Douglas. Bowman grabbed the ball out of the air and ran 89 yards for the touchdown, sealing the 34-24 win and clinched the playoffs for the Niners.



DAVID T. FOSTER III, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/MCT

San Francisco 49ers' Ahmad Brooks (55) touches Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton as he jumps offside in the first half of their NFC divisional playoff game Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

"He just comes up big all the time," defensive lineman Ray McDonald said. "It's paying off for him because he's a hard-workin' guy, he's always on top of his

game."

Bowman was at it again in Sunday's 23-10 win over Carolina, fighting off two blockers before tackling Cam Newton at the 1 late

in the second quarter. After a sack by Brooks and another goal-line stop by Bowman, the Panthers had to settle for a field goal.

San Francisco drove for the go-ahead score in the closing seconds of the half and never trailed again. That was the second impressive goal-line stand as Brooks stopped Newton on fourth down from the 1 earlier in the second quarter.

Back-to-back sacks by Bowman and Brooks knocked the Panthers out of field goal range in the closing minutes of the third quarter in what proved to be their last chance to stay in the game.

Throw in an interception earlier in the game by Willis that set up a field goal, and it was a dominating day.

"We take pride on keeping teams out of the end zone," Bowman said. "They're going to make big plays, they're NFL players, too. But if we can hold up at the goal line four downs in a row that lets you know we're here to play and it's going to be a long day."

AP Sports Writer Janie McCauley contributed to this report.

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CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen catches a touchdown pass against Broncos cornerback Quentin Jammer in the fourth quarter on Sunday. Jammer might have to start in place of injured Chris Harris.

Resilient Broncos expect to overcome Harris injury

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Last week, Chris Harris marveled at how much Denver's injury-riddled defense had changed and how not a single player who started against Baltimore in last year's playoffs would start at the same position against San Diego on the anniversary of that crushing loss.

"We've lost so many guys," he said, shaking his head. "We've gotten good at keeping that next-man-up mentality."

On Monday, it was his turn to get the bad news: He'll miss the rest of the Broncos' playoff run after an MRI showed he had a torn ACL in his left knee that will require surgery and at least six months of rehab.

"There's no doubt he's one of our better performers on defense throughout this season, but ... we've lost some pretty good performers throughout the season and this team's been resilient," coach John Fox said.

Harris was injured in the third quarter of Denver's 24-17 win over San Diego on Sunday.

Fox wouldn't say if Quentin Jammer will start in the AFC title game when the Broncos (14-3) host the Patriots (13-4) this weekend.

"It's a long list, a long cast," Fox said. "If I knew right now, I wouldn't say any ways."

Fox's options include moving Champ Bailey, a 12-time Pro Bowler who's been relegated to slot duty after returning from a nagging foot injury last month, back outside or inserting rookie Kayvon Webster into the starting lineup opposite Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie.

Webster is playing with a cast on his right thumb, which he broke in two places a month ago.

Another option is dusting off



JOE MANOWE/AP

Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr. is having a great season. Now Denver must try to plug the hole in its secondary.

Tony Carter, who was one of the goats in Denver's 34-31 overtime loss at New England on Nov. 24 when a punt hit his leg, the Patriots recovered and Stephen Gostkowski kicked the game-winning 31-yard field goal.

After Harris got hurt, Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers staged a comeback from a 17-point deficit largely by targeting Harris' rusty replacement, Jammer. Jammer surrendered a 49-yard completion to Keenan Allen on fourth-and-5 from the Chargers' 25 with seven minutes left that helped turn a comfortable cruise into a nail-biter.

"When Chris went down, things started to unravel a little bit on the back end," safety Mike Adams said. "Jam, I'm not worried about him. He gave up a big play, but he could bounce back. He's been in the league a long time. We've all had bad games before."

Adams said the Broncos wouldn't have to adjust their defense to provide help to whomever replaces Harris, either, insisting: "I'm confident if Tony Carter goes out there, if Kayvon Webster goes out there, if Jam goes out there."

Harris had played more snaps than anybody on defense and had 65 tackles, three interceptions and 15 pass breakups, all career highs.

"It's another disappointment for us," linebacker Paris Lenon said. "Somebody else that we've been banking with that has been a huge part of this team and this defense that is down. It's an opportunity for somebody else to step up and play big."

The Broncos have withstood an injury epidemic to reach their first conference championship in eight seasons, but Harris' injury could prove the hardest to overcome.

Harris is the fifth defensive starter the Broncos have lost since November, joining Von Miller, Kevin Vickerson, Rahim Moore and Derek Wolfe.

"It's terrible news," Terrance Knighton said. "You hate to see a guy having a great year, going into a contract year (get hurt). I wish him the best. I wish him a speedy recovery, but we just have to focus on the task at hand right now and that's New England. Whoever will fill his shoes, whoever we put in there, has to step up."

Harris was hurt on the opposite side of the field when Rivers completed a 19-yard pass to Allen along the San Diego sideline with 8:17 remaining in the third quarter. Allen would catch two TD passes after that and it took Manning's superb 4-minute drill to staunch Rivers' rally.

"Philip got hot there in the second half. I did not want to give him the ball back there at the end," Manning said.

Patriots embrace role of underdog

Brady undaunted by not being the favorite: 'I'm sure no one's going to pick us this week'

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots' streak of 11 postseason games as a favorite is over.

For the first time since the AFC championship game against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts in 2007, New England is a playoff underdog — against Manning and the Denver Broncos in the AFC championship game on Sunday.

Tom Brady & Co. are willing to use that as motivation for the game that will send the winner to the Super Bowl.

"We play with a chip on our shoulder," wide receiver Danny Amendola said. "We like to play that way."

Count the Patriots out?

Go right ahead, fullback James Develin said.

"I can't really speak for everyone, but I personally love the underdog story," he said. "It just kind of keeps a little bit of the pressure off you and I just like to prove the doubters wrong."

Brady sounded the first "woe is us" note during his weekly appearance on WEEI radio Monday.

"I know when we played Baltimore nobody picked us to win," Brady said. "I'm sure no one's going to pick us to win this week. We've had our backs against the wall for a while. Really, the whole season we've lost players, and teams have really counted us out."

"We've got a bunch of underdogs on our team, and we'll be an underdog again."

The Ravens were favored to extend their four-game winning streak in the next to last game of the regular season. Baltimore was at home, but the Patriots won 41-7.

Now New England (13-4) is preparing to go on the road again. And Brady's teammates figure if playing the underdog card against Denver (14-3) is good enough for him, it's good enough for them.

"If Tom's going to embrace it, I'm going to embrace it," New England running back LeGarrette Blount said with a smile. "That's the leader of this team, and if that's how he feels, I'm sure that's how most of the guys out here feel."

In that loss to the Colts seven years ago, the Patriots held an 18-point lead late in the first half, but lost 38-34. Indianapolis went on to win the Super Bowl.

That also was the Patriots' most recent playoff road game. Since then, they're 7-2 at home and 0-2 in Super Bowls at neutral sites.

This season, they were underdogs at home against Denver in Nov. 24, but won 34-31 in over-



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady sounded OK with Denver being favored this week in the AFC championship game. "We've got a bunch of underdogs on our team, and we'll be an underdog again."

time after trailing 24-0 at halftime. Broncos tight end Julius Thomas missed that game with a knee injury. Now he's back, one of five Denver receivers with at least 60 catches this season.

"He's a heck of a football player, a playmaker, go-to guy for them," Patriots safety Steve Gregory said. "He can create mismatches and things like that, so he's a good football player. But they have a lot of good football players."

The 250-pound Blount creates mismatches as well — able to elude big linemen and run over small defensive backs. He ran for 166 yards and four touchdowns on Saturday night's 43-22 win over Indianapolis after rushing for 189 yards and two touchdowns in the previous game, a 34-20 win over Buffalo in the regular-season finale.

"I can do a lot of improving," Blount said after watching video of the Indianapolis game. "I've seen a couple of holes I could have hit, and I've seen a couple of cuts I could have made. I'm going to go out there and look at what they're going to give me, and hopefully explode somewhere."

Blount got off to a slow start this season, his first with the Patriots.

It would be dangerous to underestimate him now, just as the Broncos would be unwise to put too much stock into their status as favorites.

After all, Brady fooled all those teams that bypassed him in the 2000 draft until the Patriots took him in the sixth round with the 199th overall pick.

"He came into the league as a big underdog," Develin said, "so I'm sure he's used to that."

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NFL PLAYOFFS

We got your back



Linebacker Ahmad Brooks (55) led the 49ers this year with 8½ sacks.

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Linebackers leading the way for 49ers into NFC title game

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

From the pick six that closed Candlestick to a pair of goal-line stands in Carolina, it seems like whenever San Francisco needs a big play from its defense one of the 49ers' decorated linebackers steps up.

With Pro Bowlers NaVorro Bowman, Patrick Willis and Ahmad Brooks playing alongside talented pass rusher Aldon Smith on coordinator Vic Fangio's defense, the Niners' version of the fearsome foursome has played a major part in their advancement to the NFC championship game on Sunday night in Seattle.

Bowman, Willis, Brooks and Smith have combined for seven sacks, one forced fumble and an interception in road playoff wins

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in Green Bay and Carolina that set up the showdown with the Seahawks with a spot in the Super Bowl on the line.

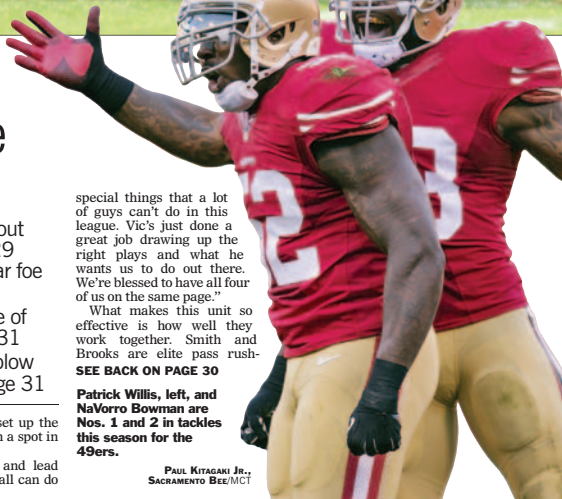
"We just try to stay together and lead this defense," Bowman said. "We all can do

special things that a lot of guys can't do in this league. Vic's just done a great job drawing up the right plays and what he wants us to do out there. We're blessed to have all four of us on the same page."

What makes this unit so effective is how well they work together. Smith and Brooks are elite pass rush-
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Patrick Willis, left, and NaVorro Bowman are Nos. 1 and 2 in tackles this season for the 49ers.

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